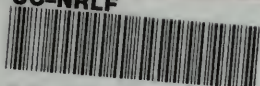


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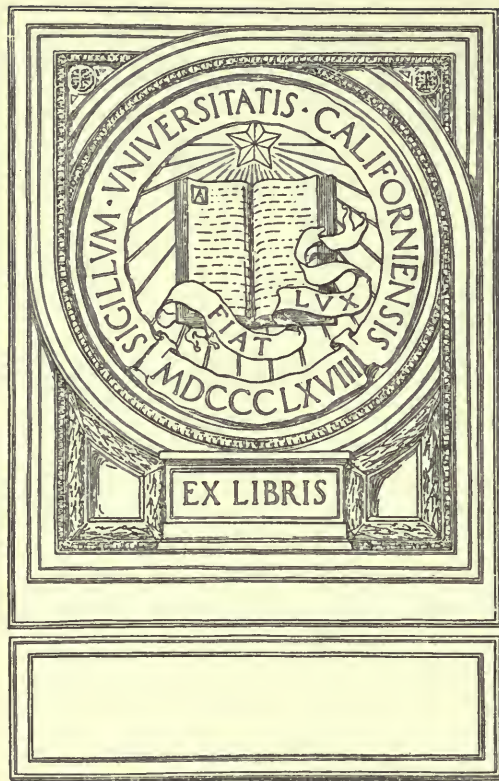
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GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

## PREFACE.

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THE publishers of this Souvenir Book of the Missouri Legislature for 1897-8 feel that they owe a few words of explanation, possibly of apology, to the public. The shortness of time allowed for gathering material, and the difficulties under which it has been arranged for publication have necessarily rendered the work less perfect than we would desire. We found the Missouri legislators, for the most part, thoroughly absorbed in their public duties, and it was extremely difficult to gain their attention long enough to obtain the necessary data for a complete work. It was essential to make each member understand it was not an effort to advertise himself, but that he was simply contributing his part toward a work which should prove a source of pleasure, in the years to come, not only to those who are mentioned in the book, but to every one into whose hands it may fall. Laboring thus to overcome the modesty of the members, and then to get the work ready for the press, has severely taxed the energies and talents of the publishers, and they therefore entreat the reader to view with leniency any imperfection that may be discovered in the book. At the same time we feel that in gathering these biographies and portraits of Missouri's distinguished sons we have rendered a service to the State and to posterity, and we take pride in our work. Possibly our feeble effort may prove a substantial benefit to the future historian when he comes to make up the record of this eventful age and the distinguished men. But we shall be amply repaid if, in the years to come, the members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, looking back to the days of their service to the State, shall remember with kindly feelings, Yours truly,

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# STATE OFFICERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

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## JEFFERSON CITY.

Governor.....	Lon V. Stephens.....	Democrat
Lieutenant-Governor.....	August H. Bolte.....	Democrat
Secretary of State.....	Alexander A. Lesueur.....	Democrat
State Auditor.....	James M. Seibert.....	Democrat
State Treasurer.....	Frank L. Pitts.....	Democrat
Attorney - General.....	Edward C. Crow.....	Democrat
Superintendent of Public Schools.....	John R. Kirk.....	Republican
Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.....	{ James Cowgill.....	Democrat
	{ Joseph Flory.....	Republican
	{ Timothy J. Hennessey.....	Democrat
Adjutant-General.....	M. Fred Bell.....	Democrat
Warden of the Penitentiary.....	John D. Starke.....	Democrat
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State Mine Inspector (coal).....	Charles Evans.....	Democrat
State Mine Inspector (lead and zinc).....	Geo. E. Quinby.....	Democrat
State Geologist.....	Charles R. Keys.....	Democrat
Commissioner Permanent Seat Government.....	Ashley W. Ewing.....	Democrat
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Clerk Supreme Court.....	John R. Green.....	Democrat
Superintendent of the Insurance Department.....	Ed. T. Orear.....	Democrat
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Secretary State Board of Health.....	Dr. Willis P. King.....	810 Harrison St., Kansas City
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Secretary State Horticultural Society.....	L. A. Goodman.....	Westport
Secretary State Fish Commission.....	N. B. Crisp.....	Independence
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President Normal School, district No. 3.....		Cape Girardeau
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Superintendent Missouri Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.....	J. N. Tate.....	Fulton
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George Graham Vest.....	Kansas City.

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Third .....	Alexander M. Dockery, D.....	Gallatin .....
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James B. Gantt.....	Waltour M. Robinson.....
Thomas A. Sherwood.....	Theodore Brace.....
George B. Macfarlane.....	



# STATE SENATE.

NAME.	DIST.	POL.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	OCCUPATION.
Anderson, Benjamin M.	9th	D	Columbia	Boone	Merchant & real estate agt.
Ballard, Jasper N.*	16th	D	Montrose	Henry	Banker and farmer.
Brewster, Arthur W.*	2d	R	St. Joseph	Buchanan	Lawyer
Burkhead, Asbery	19th	R	Ava	Douglas	Lawyer
Busche, Charles F.*	33d	R	St. Louis City	221 Benton St.	Wholesale baker.
Childers, J. Houston	15th	D	Hermitage	Hickory	Lawyer
Davisson, Samuel P.*	4th	R	Cainsville	Harrison	Merchant and farmer
Drum, Robert†	21st	D	Marble Hill	Bollinger	Merchant
Goodykoontz, Wm. R.*	24th	D	Caledonia	Washington	Physician
Gray, Howard*	28th	R	Carthage	Jasper	Lawyer
Hohenschild, Henry H.	27th	D	Rolla	Phelps	Architect
Klene, Ben. J.*	34th	R	St. Louis City	4919 Foun. Ave	Lawyer
Lancaster, Richard D.*	32d	D	St. Louis City	1113 N. Com. Ave	Real estate agent
Landrum, Richard H.*	18th	R	Mount Vernon	Lawrence	Lawyer and farmer.
Lyons, Wm. F.	7th	D	Kansas City	Jackson	Lawyer
McClintie, Wm. Shields†	13th	D	Monroe City P. O.	Marion	Farmer
Madison, Robert G.*	26th	D	Festus	Jefferson	Farmer
Major, Elliott W.	11th	D	Bowling Green	Pike	Lawyer
Marshall, John E.	23d	D	Blodgett	Scott	Farmer
Martin, Thomas C.†	30th	R	St. Louis City	231 S. 12th St	Hotel-keeper
Matthews, Buell L.‡	25th	R	Hermann	Gasconade	Lawyer
Miller, Elijah‡	1st	D	Denver	Worth	Lawyer
Morton, John F.*	8th	D	Richmond	Ray	Lawyer
Mott, Fred W.†	29th	R	St. Louis City	639 Vir. Ave	Real estate agent
O'Bannon, James P.*	20th	R	Buffalo	Dallas	Editor and publisher.
Orchard, James*	22d	D	West Plains	Howell	Lawyer.
Peers, Charles E.*	10th	D	Warrenton	Warren	Lawyer
Powers, Harvey B.*	12th	R	Powersville	Putman	Farmer
Schweickardt, Charles	31st	R	St. Louis City	624 Pine St.	Caterer
Seaber, Alfred N.*	6th	R	Kirksville	Adair	Lawyer
Vandiver, Charles H.	17th	D	Borland	Lafayette	Farmer
Wells, William C.‡	3d	D	Platte City	Platte	Banker
Williams, John M.*	14th	R	California	Moniteau	Lawyer
Young, Odus G.	5th	D	Kansas City	Jackson	Lawyer

Democrats, 19; Republicans, 15.

\* Hold over; † Re-elected; ‡ Member of former Legislatures; ¶ To fill unexpired term.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NAME, POLITICS AND OCCUPATION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.	NAME, POLITICS AND OCCUPATION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.
Aldredge, William C. # pop., farm	Latham, Monteau	Davidson, Simeon, dem., farmer	Sheridan, Worth
Armstrong, Hugh, rep., ins. agt.	Kirkwood, St. Louis	Davis, James W., dem., lawyer	Brunswick, Chariton
Arnold, Wilbur F., dem., farmer	Bonne Terre, St. Francois	Davis, Wallace J., dem., editor	Bowling Green, Pike
Averill, John T., dem., farmer	Gayoso, Pemiscot	Denslow, William M., * rep., editor	Spickard, Grundy
Avery, Omer H., * dem., lawyer	Troy, Lincoln	Dorsett, J. H., dem., farmer	Everett, Cass
Aydelott, Samuel T., # rep., farmer	Truxton, Warren	Dougherty, Chas. A., # dem., farmer	Meyers, Howard
Barnett, Orville M., dem., lawyer	Sedalia, Pettis	Dunn, Edward J., rep., ins. agt.	St. Louis City, 4120 Evans ave
Baughner, E. C., * rep., far. & miller	Richwoods, Washington	Dyer, Ford N., dem. & pop., teacher	Amity, DeKalb
Bittinger, John L., * rep., editor	St. Joseph, Buchanan	Ehrhart, Charles, rep., cooper	St. Louis C'y, 2013 1/2 DeKalb st
Bohart, J. Ed., dem., lawyer	Plattsburg, Clinton	Ellis, George B., dem., farmer	Appleton City P. O., Bates
Bohling, Cord, dem., physician	Pymont, Morgan	Ellis, J. D., dem., farmer	Nevada, Vernon
Bradford, T. N., dem., farmer	Houston, Texas	Ellis, Paul, rep., merchant	Cedar Gap, Wright
Bradley, James, dem., preacher	Mexico, Audrain	Erman, Henry C., rep., mfg eng'r	St. Louis C'y, 3517 Lafay'te av
Breit, Peter C., * rep., lawyer	Savannah, Andrew	Farrar, George W., jr., dem., phy	Bellevue, Iron
Breuer, William, rep., farmer	Red Bird, Gasconade	Farris, John W., # dem., lawyer	Lebanon, Laclede
Burks, Sydnor B., * dem., lawyer	Slater, Saline	Feaster, T. J., dem., physician	Climax Springs, Camden
Burrongs, Joseph N., dem., lawyer	West Plains, Howell	Fitzgerald, David F., dem., farmer	Ford City, Gentry
Caldwell, John B., dem., farmer	St. Mary's, Ste. Genevieve	Frost, W. B., dem. & pop., farmer	Newtonia, Newton
Cashion, Arch. H., rep., capitalist	Perryville, Perry	Hale, William R., pop., farmer	Norman, Phelps
Chinn, George W., * dem., farmer	Clarence, Shelby	Hall, Matthew W., * dem., farmer	Marshall, Saline
Christy, Joseph H., dem., farmer	Odessa, Lafayette	Hamilton, William M., dem., farmer	Warrensburg, Johnson
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Clymer, Harry, rep., lawyer	Steelville, Crawford	Hart, George A., rep., grocer	Warsaw, Benton
Cock, William H., # dem., merchant	Clinton, Henry	Hawkins, Thomas W., dem., lawyer	Palmyra, Marion
Coffey, Matthew, dem., farmer	Downing, Schuyler	Hays, G. Purd, rep., lawyer	Ozark, Christian
Cole, Carey W., dem., farmer	West Hartford, Ralls	Hendrickson, Jesse L., pop., t'hr & far	Buffalo, Dallas
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Cowley, Geo B., rep., phy. and ed'r	Cowgill, Caldwell	Hopkins, James M., dem., farmer	Magnet, Atchison
Cox, William L., * dem., farmer	Monticello, Lewis	Ijams, Thomas H., rep., broker	Kansas City, Jackson
Cox, John M., dem., farmer	Jeff, Oregon	Jenkins, M. J., pop., far. & preacher	Carthage, Jasper
Crisp, John T., * dem., farmer	Independence, Jackson	Johnston, William F., dem., farmer	Clark's Fork, Cooper
Curry, George R., rep., farmer	Dilla, Ozark	Johnston, Rowland L., * rep., lawyer	Old Orchard, St. Louis
Daugherty, J. A., dem., farmer	Webb City, Jasper	Jones, B. C., dem., physician	Poplar Bluff, Butler
Davault, Alfred, # dem., farmer	New Florence, Montgomery	Koch, Frank H., rep., caterer	St. Louis City, 1400 Cass ave



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NAME, POLITICS AND OCCUPATION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.	NAME, POLITICS AND OCCUPATION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.
Kramme, Philipp, rep., grocer	St. Louis City, 2766 Chou. ave	Ronne, Charles H.,* rep., grocer	St. Louis City, 4152 Ash. ave.
Lee, George T., ‡ dem., merchant	Van Buren, Carter	Ross, James H.,* dem., farmer	Big Piney, Pulaski
Leeper, Wadsworth D., dem., lawy'r	Chillicothe, Livingston	Ruby, Web. M., ‡ dem., lawyer	Macon, Macon
London, George M., dem., merchant	Twelve Mile, Madison	Russell, D. L.,* dem., far. & mcht.	New Madrid, New Madrid
McCann, James, rep., lawyer	Bosworth, Carroll	Russell, Wm. R., dem. & pop., prch'r	Everton, Dade
McCollum, Andrew J.,* dem., lawy'r	Doniphan, Ripley	Rutledge, W. J., dem. & pop., phy. & f.	Freistatt, Lawrence
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McPherson, Wm. J., rep., house dec'r	St. Louis City, 921 Man. ave.	Sessinghaus, Oscar F., rep., lawyer	St. Louis City, 2401 N. 12th St.
Macey, Robert L., dem., editor	Hardin, Ray	Shewmaker, James P., dem., farmer	Gower P. O., Buchanan
Martin, Thos. W., dem., lawyer	Lamar, Barton	Sickles, Frank C., rep., lawyer	Unionville, Putnam
Martin, Edmund W., dem., farmer	Auxvasse, Callaway	Slate, John G., dem., lawyer & pub.	Vienna, Maries
Mashburn, Jas. H., dem., mer't & far.	Humansville, Polk	Smith, Charles A., rep., lawyer	St. Louis City, 2852 Mag. ave
Meyersieck, Wm. M., rep., farmer	Union, Franklin	Snidow, W. L., ‡ rep., farmer	Weaubleau, Hickory
Miller, John F., ‡ dem., farmer	Conklin, Webster	Spofford, Thomas M., dem., lawyer	Kansas City, Jackson
Moeller, Ernst W., rep., manufact'r	St. Louis City, 2236 Locust	Sweaney, John W., dem. & pop., far.	Red Bridge, Jackson
Morris, John, dem., farmer	Owasco, Sullivan	Tandy, J. F., dem. & pop., preacher	Tiff City, McDonald
Mueller, Rudolph W.,* rep., farmer	Augusta, St. Charles	Taylor, Jesse H., rep., merchant	Martinsville, Harrison
Myers, George B., dem., t'hr & far.	Lutesville, Bollinger	Thomas, Wm. H., dem. & pop., far.	Willow Spgs. P. O., Douglas
Neville, Harvey E., rep., lawyer	Tusculum, Miller	Tribble, J. P., dem., lawyer	Kennett, Dunklin
O'Bannon, Virgil A., dem., sawm'r	Lowndes, Wayne	Truitt, William H., Jr., dem., lawyer	Columbia, Boone
O'Dell, Joseph C.,* dem., farmer	Lepper, Reynolds	Tubbs, Alonzo,* rep., physician	Feuerville, Osage
O'Fallon, Samuel F., rep., lawyer	Oregon, Holt	Vanderhoef, Robt. C., rep., teacher	Maryville, Nodaway
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Perrin, J. H., dem., physician	Marceline, Linn	Wade, T. W., dem. & pop., merchant	Republic, Greene
Pickler, Sam'l M., ‡ rep., bus. & far'g	Kirksville, Adair	Walmsley, H. E., rep., underwriter	Kansas City, Jackson
Piner, Jos. A., dem., ret'd bus. man	St. Joseph, Buchanan	Ward, W. J., ‡ dem., farmer	Idalia, Stoddard
Piper, Jas. M., rep., R. R. promoter	St. Louis City, 1510 Wash. ave	Weaver, W. M., dem., lawyer	Springfield, Greene
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Prather, Alonzo S., ‡ rep., farmer	Taneyville, Taney	Williams, Charles, dem., physician	House Springs, Jefferson
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Regan, Patrick J., rep., book-keeper	St. Louis City, 1418 Mont. ave	Wood, Joseph, dem., farmer	Bancroft, Daviess
Reynolds, Z. T., rep., far. & teacher	Carr, Stone	Woods, Leonidas B., rep., far. & teh'r	Princeton, Mercer

Democrats, 79; Republicans, 47; People's Party, 5; Democrats and People's Party, 9.

\*Re-elected. ‡Members of former Legislatures.



## GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI.



**L**ON V. STEPHENS, Chief Executive of the State of Missouri, was born in Boonville, Cooper county, Mo., December 21, 1858, and up to March 12, 1890, always resided in his native town; was educated in the Kemper Family School, Boonville, and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. His father Colonel J. L. Stephens, was a man of wealth, and many years ago established the Central National Bank of Boonville, one of the few banks in the West which kept its doors wide open all through the panic of 1871. Governor Stephens, when a very young man, served as telegraph operator, printer and editor; also as messenger, bookkeeper, cashier and director of the Central National Bank. In 1887 he was appointed receiver of the Fifth National Bank of St. Louis by Mr. Trenholm, Controller of the Currency, and its affairs were wound up in such a successful manner as to enable the depositors to receive 96 cents on the dollar out of what seemed to be almost a hopeless wreck. From this one case alone Lon Stephens made a reputation as a financier that was favorably commented on all over the country. On March 12, 1890, he was appointed State Treasurer by Governor David R. Francis to fill out the unexpired term of Ed. T. Noland, and in this case the affairs of the State Treasury were straightened out in such a satisfactory manner that the people of the State saw in Lon V. Stephens the proper man to fill that important office for the next four years, and the Democratic State convention nominated him for State Treasurer in 1892, and he was elected by a plurality of 39,797. When the time came for the Democratic party to select a man that would lead them to victory in 1896 they all pointed to Lon V.

Stephens as the proper person, and when the Democratic State Convention convened at Jefferson City in 1896 he was nominated for Governor by acclamation, and was elected by a plurality of 44,000. For five years previous to his appointment as State Treasurer he and his brother, Speed Stephens, managed the finances of Cooper and Morgan counties, both of which counties had large debts, and brought them safely and satisfactorily out from beneath their heavy burdens. Although a banker from childhood, he has been for years one of the most earnest workers for the free silver cause. Governor Stephens was married October 5, 1880, to Miss Maggie Nelson, of Boonville, daughter of Hon. Jas. M. Nelson, and their married life has been a happy one. They have no children. Mrs. Stephens is the most charming lady and devoted wife that ever presided at the Executive Mansion. They are both devoted members of the Methodist Church, and every Sunday morning they can be found at that church. During the time which Governor and Mrs. Stephens have resided in Jefferson City they have made many warm personal friends, and their many receptions at "Ivy Terrace" will long be remembered by the people from all parts of the State. During the Governor's public life he has demonstrated the fact that he is the right man in the right place, and the indications are that he will make Missouri one of the best Governors she has ever had.



## GOVERNOR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

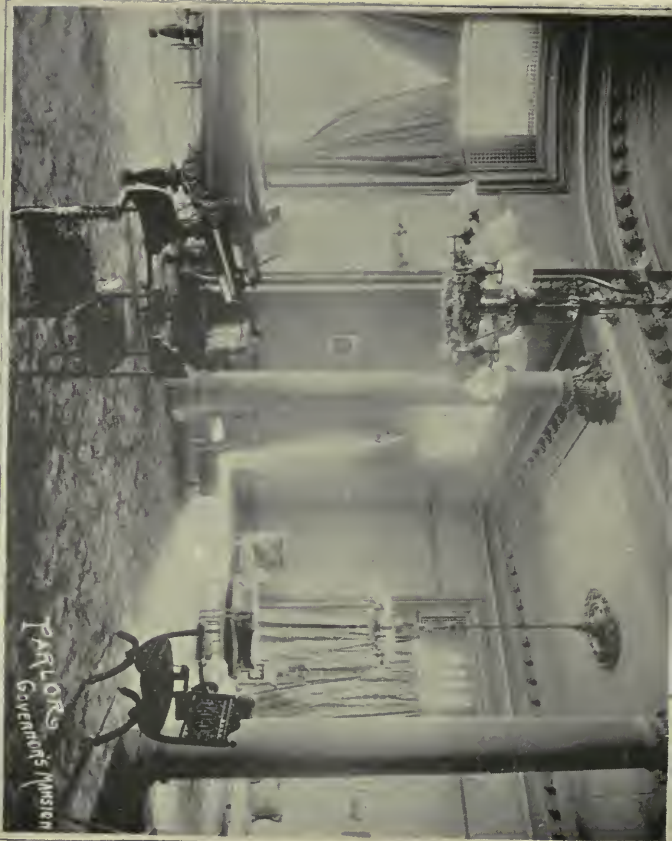
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THE subject of this sketch is the handsome and gallant Paul B. Moore, Private Secretary to Governor Stephens. Mr. Moore was born October 26, 1867, at Charleston, Missouri; afterward he removed with his parents to Nashville, Tennessee, and there grew to manhood. He was educated in the schools of Nashville and then completed his course at Vanderbilt University, graduating from the literary and law departments. He travelled abroad for a period of sixteen months, and is one of the most polished and cultured young men in the State. He is a stanch Democrat and an active party worker; he represented Mississippi county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies, and as Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence he proved himself to be a very influential and valu-

able member. He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret B. Stephens of Boonville, the popular and accomplished sister of Governor Stephens. Mr. Moore was appointed Lieutenant Colonel on Governor Stone's staff and served with dignity and military bearing in that capacity.

With a polished education and training which fits him for any social circle, with a clean party record and a host of warm friends who wish him well, there are few young men in the State who have a more brilliant future than Col. Paul B. Moore.





PARLOR  
GOVERNOR'S MANSION



DINING ROOM  
GOVERNOR'S MANSION



## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

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AUGUST H. BOLTE, Lieutenant-Governor, was elected by the Democrats of the State in the fall of 1896, to preside over the Senate for four years, and perform such other duties as prescribed by law for this high and responsible position during his term of office; he is a native of Missouri, having been born and reared in Franklin county; was educated at parochial schools of Franklin county; private high school, St. Louis; Northwestern University, Watertown, Wis., and law school of Missouri State University; has practiced law since 1875 and has a good law practice in southwest Missouri; was elected Judge of the Probate Court of Franklin county, November, 1880, and re-elected in 1882, 1886 and 1890; elected Prosecuting Attorney of the county in 1894. Franklin county is one of the Republican strongholds and a Democrat to be elected to office in that county must be a man of unquestioned integrity and ability and a man popular with the masses. In 1882 he married Miss Christina K. Arand of Union, Mo., and they have a

family of three girls. As presiding officer of the Senate, Gov. Bolte has been attentive, patient, impartial and fearless, and no man ever yielded the gavel in the Senate Chamber of the State of Missouri who was more deeply interested in the affairs of that body than the present Lieutenant-Governor, and if the time ever comes when either Gov. Stephens or the people of the State call on Lieutenant-Governor Bolte to preside as the Chief Executive of the State, no one doubts but what he will perform the duties of that office as he has the duties of presiding officer of the Senate—with dignity and dispatch. Gov. Bolte is a highly polished gentleman and no man ever served as Lieutenant-Governor who was more universally liked and admired by the residents of the Capital and the prominent men of the State than Governor Bolte.



## SECRETARY OF STATE.

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ALEXANDER A. LESUEUR, Secretary of State, who is now serving his third term in that important office, was born in St. Louis, Mo., November 25, 1842; educated at St. Louis University; private in Capt. Geo. W. West's company, Frost's Brigade, in Southwest expedition 1860; left St. Louis May 8, 1861, as private in Capt. Joe Kelly's company of infantry; promoted to Sergeant-Major of Battalion; at Cassville organized artillery company; Captain commanding Third Missouri field battery, Parsons' Division, C. S. A.; settled in Lafayette county August, 1865; first Chairman Democratic County Committee of Lafayette county after the war, and for a number of years thereafter; editor Lexington Intelligencer; member House of Representatives Thirtieth General Assembly; Chairman Penitentiary Committee and author of the penitentiary law, R. S. 1879; President Missouri Press Association, 1882; nominated by Democratic Convention of August, 1888, on first ballot, for Secretary of State, and elected; renominated without opposition in 1892, and duly elected; also in 1896, and elected by a plurality of 39,788. Capt. Lesueur is by far the most capable man that ever filled the

important office of Secretary of State; and the people could not find a more deserving man and one who worked harder for the party's interests than he has done. He was married January 8, 1863, to Miss Florence Estill, daughter of William King Trigg. He has an interesting family of two boys and six girls, and they have a delightful home just opposite the Capitol, in which the members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly have passed many pleasant hours during the past winter.





## STATE AUDITOR.

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JAMES M. SEIBERT, the present able and popular State Auditor, was born in Perry county, Missouri, February 3, 1847, and received his education at the public schools of that county, and was afterward a student for a time at McKindree College, Illinois. In 1866 he moved to Cape Girardeau county and engaged in farming and mercantile pursuits. He was elected Sheriff and Collector several times; was elected State Treasurer in 1884, and State Auditor in 1888, 1892 and 1896. He enjoys the reputation of being one of the ablest and most efficient officers Missouri has ever had. He has the patience and industry to go to the bottom and thoroughly master the minutest details of every matter that comes before him officially, and the backbone to do his whole duty without regard to consequences, with the result that he has won the confidence and admiration of friends and foes. He was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor in 1896.

His family consists of his wife (*nee* Miss Emma Wilson of Perry county), and two grown daughters. He is very domestic in his habits and tastes, and is never so happy as when at home with his wife and children.

## STATE TREASURER.

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MISSOURI has many gallant Democrats—in fact Democrats are nearly all gallant men, but in all the State there is not a grander gentleman than Captain Frank L. Pitts, our newly elected State Treasurer. Captain Pitts is fifty-five years old and was born in Shelby county, Missouri, and passed his younger days in this and Marion county. His early occupation was that of a mechanic. However, for a great number of years he has been a public man. He was educated in the common public schools and afterward completed his course in the High School of Hannibal. He was united in marriage to Miss Laura F. Boulware, of Paris, Mo., and has a bright little daughter, Kitty, who is an accomplished little lady. Mr. Pitts has lived in Monroe county for quite a number of years, and has held a number of offices in that county, being elected Sheriff for four years and Collector for ten years. He is at present serving as State Treasurer, and

the people of Missouri could not have a more faithful officer in that responsible position, or one who would fill it with more efficiency. When the dark clouds of war began settling over a nation which had hitherto known aught but fraternal peace, Captain Pitts enlisted in the Southern soldier's cause and left his right arm to molder upon the battlefield at Franklin, Tenn. He served in all four years in Cockrell's brigade of the Second Missouri Infantry. He followed the flag of Lee because a conscience told him it was his duty, and no nobler or more patriotic soldier ever wore the "uniform of gray." Captain Pitts is the favorite of no faction of this State's Democracy—Missouri's entire Democracy loves him because he is a patriot and a man. He is always in a jovial mood and has unkind words for no one—not even those with whom he has contested for political honors. There is no grander compliment, as some ancient philosopher has said, than to be called a *man*—and of no public official in the State can this be said more truly than of Captain Pitts.

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

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EDWARD C. CROW, the newly elected Attorney-General of this State, is a native Missourian, having been born in Holt county, December 19, 1861. Mr. Crow was educated in the schools of Carthage, Mo., having graduated from its High School; afterward he attended the St. Louis Law School, and graduated therefrom in 1880. After having thoroughly qualified himself in his chosen profession he began practice in Jasper county, and was appointed in December, 1892, City Attorney of Webb City. In December of '94 he was appointed Judge of the Twenty-fifth Circuit by Governor Stone to succeed Judge Robinson, who had been elected to the Supreme Bench of the State. In this capacity he served until 1896, and then became a candidate for Attorney-General; he was successful in that somewhat memorable convention, and will fill the office for the next four years.

Mr. Crow was not known in a great many parts of the State, and therefore he came to the people as a comparatively new man. However, Mr. Crow is beyond question one of the most brilliant young lawyers in the State, and if his official career does not prove a success it will not be because of a lack of ability on his part.

No man ever made a more brilliant campaign in Missouri than did the wiry-looking barrister from Jasper. Although homely as a Lincoln in appearance, he has the oratory and brilliancy of a Clay, and wherever he went he was greeted with enthusiasm and applause.

## *SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.*

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JOHN R. KIRK, who became State Superintendent of Public Schools of Missouri in 1895, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, January 23, 1851. He came with his parents to Missouri in 1856; was reared on a farm and attended the public schools and became a teacher; after graduating from the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., took a private course under specialists in Latin, Greek, Science and Mathematics, was County School Commissioner of Harrison county, Mo., after which he served as Principal of the public schools of Moulton, Iowa; after serving eight years as Superintendent of the Bethany (Mo.) public schools he accepted the Chair of Mathematics in the High School of Kansas City, which he filled acceptably until he was elected Superintendent of the Public Schools of Westport, Mo.

Prof. Kirk has always been a Republican, but not an offensive partisan.

His party honored him with the nomination for State Superintendent of Public Schools the summer of '94, and after making a vigorous campaign was elected by a majority of 3,637 over one of the most popular Democratic educators of the State. The educational interests of the State have not suffered under the superintendency of Prof. Kirk, but have flourished. His chief purpose as State Superintendent is to make the county schools of the State as efficient as any other schools, and to provide for the articulation of all public schools of the State, from the smallest district school to the University at Columbia. He is married and has six children—three girls and three boys, the oldest of whom is attending the Law School at Columbia.

## RAILROAD COMMISSIONER COWGILL.

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THIS cut is the likeness of Judge James Cowgill, the big-hearted, big-fisted Railroad Commissioner of Missouri. He was born April 2, 1848, in the State of Indiana, and came to this State in 1868, settling in Caldwell county. Mr. Cowgill is a man of very genteel bearing and of superior education, and is by no means an amateur in politics. He has been the Presiding Judge in Caldwell county, and was elected to the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, notwithstanding the county was strongly Republican. In 1892 he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, and is at the present time serving in that capacity. At the age of sixteen, October 4, 1864, he enlisted in the Ninth Indiana Infantry and served one year. He owns an excellent farm in Cald-

well county, one in Lafayette and one in Livingston county, but resides in Kansas City at present. The fact that he is extremely popular among the people of his home is attested by the fact that he has repeatedly been elected to office when Republican majorities stood against him. He is a Democrat of the Kentucky Colonel style—in fact he is a thoroughbred. There is no man who has more warm-hearted friends in the State than Judge Cowgill; the man who has once felt the cordial pressure of his great big manly hand becomes his admirer at once. If all Democratic leaders were of his dauntless character and unselfishness, the great Democratic party of this State would less often be threatened by a yawning gulf of disintegration. The most that can be said is that "Jim" Cowgill is a gentleman and a Democrat who knows nothing of political sandbagism and skull-duggery.



## *RAILROAD COMMISSIONER FLORY.*

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JOSEPH FLORY, the subject of this sketch, is one of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of Missouri. He is a native of Indiana, in which State he was born in 1856; he left the State of his birth in 1882, coming to Missouri, and has moved among its generous people ever since. He was educated in the public schools of his native State, but is a man of wide general information. From young manhood's days he formed a liking for railroads and railroad work, and this has been the principal following of his life; he has been engaged in the service of the Wabash since 1873; was freight brakeman from 1873 to 1876, when he was promoted to the responsible position of freight conductor, and served in that capacity until 1883, when he was again promoted to passenger conductor from St. Louis to Kansas City, and served as such until he was elected Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner in 1894. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican and an

able defender of its principles. In 1894 his party nominated him for the office of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner and he was duly elected; his plurality was 6,337, having run ahead of his ticket 3,243 votes.

Personally Mr. Flory is a man who mixes freely among men, and numbers his friends by the hundreds. It was this universal popularity which caused his party to present him with the nomination, and he has proven himself worthy of the honor which it conferred upon him. Everybody knows "Joe Flory." He is a good, all around fellow and a thoroughly able and competent public official.



## *RAILROAD COMMISSIONER HENNESSY.*

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**T**IMOTHY J. HENNESSY, the subject of this brief biography is one of the most popular officers of this State. He was born in the Emerald Isle in December, 1840, and came to America in 1854, and has, the greater part of his time, resided in the States of Illinois and Missouri. His first official service was as Boiler Inspector of the Washington Iron Works at Newberg, New York, from 1857 to 1862 he was fireman and engineer on the Ohio & Mississippi R. R., and in '63 and '64 built gun-boats in the City of St. Louis; for three years he was engaged in rebuilding locomotives in the machine shops at St. Charles; he was also an engineer on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He joined the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in 1869, Arthur Division at Moberly, Mo., and has since retained his membership in that organization. A remarkable fact in his extensive career is the fact that he never took part in any strike, and never

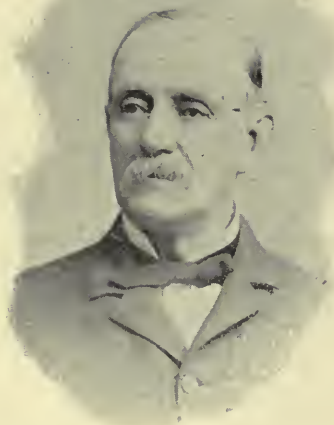
injured an employee. In 1888 he was elected Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner for a term of six years, and again elected to the same position in November, 1896.

Mr. Hennessy is a man who is very popular among railroad men and holds a high place in the ranks of the Democratic party of Missouri. He is a man who understands the duties of his office thoroughly and is in every way competent to fill his important position—the right man in the right place.

Everybody who knows "Tim Hennessy" is his warm hearted friend. The most that can be said for him is, that he is one of the best Irishmen in this country.



## SECRETARY BOARD R. R. & W. COMMISSIONERS.



THE subject of this sketch is James Harding, the Secretary of the Railroad Commissioners of Missouri. Mr. Harding is sixty-seven years old and was born in Boston, Mass., and left that State in 1843; since that time his travels have been somewhat varied, having been at sea, in California and absent in the South from 1861 to 1871. He was educated in the private schools of Massachusetts and afterward completed his instruction in Phillips' Academy, of Exeter, New Hampshire; was married to Miss Christine Cordell, of Virginia, and is the parent of eight children. Mr. Harding is a sturdy Democrat and an able defender of the political faith of his party. He was Quartermaster General of Missouri from 1861 to 1862; superintended the construction of the new buildings, etc., at the Penitentiary in 1875-76, and was elected Railroad Commissioner of this State in 1876 and served in this capacity until 1889, having been elected for a period of two terms; he also served as Commissioner in the boundary line matter between this State and Iowa in 1896. Mr. Harding is a man of wide experience in this world's

matters and has an unusual knowledge of this country. He is observing in nature, and is in fact a walking encyclopædia of information. His long and varied experience qualifies him to satisfactorily discharge the duties of Secretary of the Railroad Commissioners of Missouri. He served two months as Quartermaster of General Sterling Price's Division, C. S. A., and resigning that position, was appointed a Captain of artillery in the Confederate service, and assigned on ordnance duty; served in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina; was eighteen months, 1863-64, at Charleston, S. C.; was promoted to be Major in 1864; paroled at Columbus, Ga., in 1865; removed to Pensacola, Fla., in the fall of 1865 and remained there until February, 1871, when he returned to Missouri.

## CHIEF JUSTICE BARCLAY.

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THE accompanying cut is a likeness of Judge Shepard Barclay of the Supreme Bench of Missouri. Judge Barclay was born in St. Louis, November 3, 1847; at the age of nineteen he was graduated at the St. Louis University, and then continued his studies in the University of Virginia, under John B. Minor, one of the ablest instructors in law of his time. He received his degree in law in 1869. Afterward he visited Europe and for two years devoted himself to the study of German and French, and of the civil law, which he pursued at the University of Berlin, under the guidance of Drs. Gneist and Bruns, professors there. On his return to Missouri he was for some time professionally connected with the press in St. Louis, as an editorial writer on the *Dispatch*, during the early part of his practice as a lawyer, which began in 1872. He soon established a wide reputation, becoming known especially for his thoroughness and ability to prepare briefs. In 1882 he was elected Circuit Judge in St. Louis by a majority of 5,040, at a time when several candidates of the opposing party were also elected. In 1888 he was elected to the Supreme Bench for a term of ten years, and is at present the Chief Justice of the Court. Prominent in his judicial work is the writing of the dissenting opinion in the case of the State vs.

Loomis, 115 Missouri 307, as to the constitutional powers of the Legislature to suppress the "truck store" system. He also wrote the opinion of the majority of the Supreme Court in *Dixon vs. Railroad*, 109 Missouri, 413, concerning the law of fellow servants. Judge Barclay is distinctly in his sphere as a member of the Supreme Bench; there is no man in the State better versed in the law, and no man who has a better legal equilibrium, and who can more calmly or fairly render a decision upon the great problems which come before that august and honorable body, of which he is a member. He is a man not swayed by passions or sentiment. He has a wonderfully strong individuality and a will that bends before nothing. He is an honor to the high and responsible office with which the people of the great commonwealth of Missouri have entrusted him.



## JUDGE BRACE.

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JUDGE THEODORE BRACE was born on a farm in Ryana Glades, five miles from Oakland, Md., on June 10, 1835 ; was educated in the city of Cumberland, in that State ; admitted to the bar by the Circuit Court of Allegheny county May 1, 1856. and in a few days went West to seek his fortune ; located in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, where he made his first campaign for Buchanan. On January 1, 1857, located permanently at Paris, Monroe county, Mo. ; was elected City Attorney ; on the 12th day of October, 1858, was married to Miss Roana C., daughter of Major Wm. N. Penn, for many years Clerk of the County Court of that county ; eight children were born of the marriage, of whom six are living. He was enjoying the fruits of a good country practice and the society of his young wife when the civil

war came on. He at once enlisted and assisted in organizing a company of the Missouri State Guard, of which he was elected Captain, which, after participating in the skirmishes at Boonville, Monroe City and Shelbina, was organized with other companies into a battalion, of which he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel, and afterward with still other companies into a regiment as the Third Cavalry of the Second Military District of Missouri, of which he was elected Colonel, his commission bearing date September 23, 1861. As commander of this regiment he joined the forces of General Price before Lexington, and remained with them until after the battle of Pea Ridge. When the term of service of the last of his men expired and they were discharged, he was returning to North Missouri to recruit

### JUDGE BRACE—Continued.

another regiment, and while sick near Springfield, Mo., was taken prisoner by a Federal force with his Adjutant and Surgeon, and transferred to the hospital in that city, whence after lingering several weeks on the verge of the grave, was transferred to Myrtle Street Prison, St. Louis. There being at that time no exchange of prisoners, he was, on account of feeble health, after a time paroled; returned to his home at Paris and took no further part in the war. After the war he acquired a leading practice in Monroe and adjoining counties, which he retained until he went on the bench, serving his town also from time to time as School Trustee and Common Councilman. In 1872 the Democratic party of his county instructed for him for Congress. In 1874 he was elected to the State Senate from the Seventh District, and served through two sessions of the Legislature and of the State Board of Equalization. At the November election in 1878 he was elected Probate Judge of Monroe county, which office he resigned to take his seat as Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, in January 1881. He continued to serve as Judge of that Circuit until the first of January, 1887, when he took his seat as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri, to which office he had been elected at the previous November election. In October, 1887, he was elected Grand Master of Masons of Missouri. In January, 1895, he was elected by his associates on the bench Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Presiding Judge of Division No. 1 of that court. At the Democratic State Convention, held at Jefferson City in August, 1896, he was re-nominated by that party as its candidate to succeed himself on the bench, and was elected at the November election following for a second term of ten years, receiving 341,927 votes to 304,781 votes for Judge Hirzel, Republican; to 24,153 votes for John M. Voris, Populist, and to 2,332 votes for Lewis Adams, Prohibitionist. His record as a Judge of the Supreme Court commences with Volume 91 of the Missouri Reports.

## JUDGE MACFARLANE.

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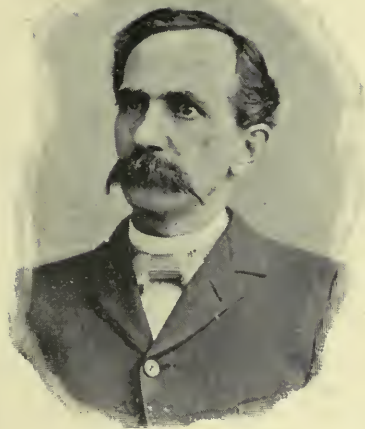
THE following is a short sketch of George B. Macfarlane, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court. He is a native Missourian; was born January 21, 1837, and educated in the common schools, Richland Academy and Westminster College of this State. He taught school in the winter season and worked on his father's farm in the summer from 1858 to 1865. In 1861 he was licensed to practice law by Hon. A. H. Buckner, then a Circuit Judge. He then began the practice of his profession in Mexico, Missouri, and soon established for himself the reputation of an able lawyer. He took no part in the Civil War; voted for Bell and Everett in 1860; from that time until this he has been a firm and uncompromising Democrat and always votes that ticket straight. He was united in marriage to Miss Alice Orear of Boone county, and has a family.

Judge Macfarlane was Probate Judge of Audrain county from 1871 to 1874, but has never held any purely political office. He was appointed Supreme Judge by Governor Francis, November 25, 1890, and nominated and elected to that position by the Democratic party in 1892. Few abler men have ever sat upon the Supreme Bench of this State than Macfarlane; as a lawyer he is a man of the highest excellence and ability. His deliberations are careful and conservative and his opinions are given from a cool-headed and non-prejudiced standpoint. He is high-minded, conscientious, honorable, and a gentleman in the fullest sense of that great term.



## *JUDGE ROBINSON.*

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WALTOUR M. ROBINSON, the subject of this brief sketch, is one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State. He was born in Monroe county, near Paris, on November 27, 1851; he attended the public schools and afterward completed his academic training in William Jewell College. Resolving to adopt law as his profession, he entered the Union College of Law of the Chicago and Northwestern Universities and there qualified himself for his legal duties. In 1877 he located at Webb City, in Jasper county, and for four years was City Attorney of Webb City, and from this was elected as Prosecuting Attorney for a term of four years of Jasper county. In 1892 he was elected Judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit, and while serving in this capacity was nominated by the Republican party

for Supreme Judge of the State and subsequently elected in 1894. He is married. Judge Robinson is a man of many superior qualities; in politics he has always been a firm Republican and is an able defender of his party's faith. As a lawyer he is able and serves in a very competent manner in his present capacity. He is a thorough gentleman and an honor to the high and responsible position to which the people of his State have elevated him.

## *JUDGE GANTT.*

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THIS short sketch is a brief biography of James B. Gantt, of the Supreme Bench. He was born in Putnam county, Georgia, in 1845; was educated in the private schools and academies of that State. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twelfth Georgia Regiment of Infantry, C. S. A., and served in Jackson's (or the Second) Army Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, till permanently disabled by a wound at Cedar Creek Valley, Va., October 19, 1864; he was wounded twice at Gettysburg, and met with a similar misfortune at the Wilderness, May 5, 1864. After the war he read law under Col. L. N. Whittle at Macon, Ga.; afterward he attended the Law Department of the University of Virginia, and graduated from that institution in 1868;

during this year he moved to Missouri. He has never held any political office; was elected Judge of the Twenty-second Judicial Circuit in 1880 and served in this capacity for six years; he declined a re-election and returned to the practice of his chosen profession at Clinton in '87. In 1890 he was elected to the Supreme Bench to succeed Judge Robert D. Ray, and is serving in that honorable capacity at the present time. He is married and has four children. He is a firm Democrat, an able barrister, and a gentleman eminently qualified to serve in his exalted position.



## *JUDGE SHERWOOD.*

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**F**EW more rugged men ever sat upon the Supreme Bench of Missouri than Thomas A. Sherwood. He was born June 2, 1834, in Eatonton, Putnam county, Georgia, and was educated in Mercer University, Georgia, and Shurtleff College, Illinois. He came to Missouri in 1852 and resided in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Newton, Lawrence and Greene counties. He graduated from the Law Department of the Cincinnati Law School in 1857, and in that same year was admitted to the bar. In 1872 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court and re-elected in November of '82; he was again the candidate of his party in 1892 and elected. He is married and has a family. There are few if any men in this State more learned in the law than Judge Sherwood. He is a man who has devoted his whole life to his

profession, and from the fact of his long service and thoroughness is an invaluable man in the deliberations of that great body of which he is a member. He is possessed of an iron will that nothing save reason can swerve. Learned in the law, a man of rugged character and a Democrat of the firmest kind, the honors of a Supreme Judge could rest upon the shoulders of no man in this State more fittingly than Thomas A. Sherwood.



## *JUDGE BURGESS.*

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THE following is a short sketch of the life and work of Garvon D. Burgess, of the Supreme Bench of the State of Missouri. He is a native of Kentucky, where he was born in 1835. He began his political career at an early stage, having been elected to the Missouri Legislature in 1858. In 1856 he left his native heath and came to Missouri. He was nominated in 1868 by the Democratic party for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, but was defeated; in 1874 he was nominated for Judge of the Eleventh District, (formerly the old Sixth) and was elected and re-elected to the same position in 1880 and 1886. In 1880, 1884 and 1888 he was a prominent candidate before the Democratic State conventions for Supreme Judge, and was the successful contestant for that position in 1892. He is a married man. He

began his career as a lawyer at an early period and has attained a position of prominence and recognition gained by few men. He is perfectly at home with his present duties, being a man thoroughly versed in the law, with a disposition of calm deliberation. Judge Burgess is a sterling Democrat and a firm advocate of the great dominant principles of that party.

## CLERK SUPREME COURT.

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THIS cut is the likeness of one of the biggest and best hearted fellows who stays at Missouri's State Capital—it is John R. Green, the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Mr. Green was born thirty-eight years ago at Kingston, Caldwell county, Mo., but soon after moved to Richmond, Ray county, where he was reared and educated in its schools. He is a stanch Democrat and puts in his idle time in saying good words for the party. Mr. Green's first official experience was that of Clerk for the Circuit Court for Ray county ; from that he was made Clerk of the Supreme Court, in which capacity he serves with the greatest dispatch and efficiency. On November 28, 1893, he was married to Miss Sallie Creel, of Richmond, and has two bright little daughters, Mary, aged nine, and Helen, six. Mr. Green started out in life as a druggist in Kansas City and from that branched out in clerical work. His present position is a very desirable one, with four assist-

ants at his disposal. Personally, he is a very agreeable gentleman, and numbers his friends by the score. There are few men in this world who have not in their personal make-up some feature or quality which the gods might envy; it may be the genial disposition, the hearty hand-shake, the faculty of telling a good story in a good way—in fact, anything. But in Mr. Green's case it is his superb physique ; towering in height, broad-shouldered, a massive head, in fact a rugged, Roman-like appearance that any statesman in the land might envy.



## *REPORTER SUPREME COURT.*

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**F**RANK M. BROWN, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, February 26, 1852. When he was two years old his father, Dr. B. D. Brown, moved from Virginia to Callaway county, Missouri, where Mr. Brown was reared. In 1878 Mr. Brown was graduated from the Academic Department of the Missouri University at Columbia, and began the study of law in the office of Judge G. B. Macfarlane and Mr. J. McD. Trimble at Mexico, Mo., at which place he was admitted to the bar. After practicing his profession a short while he, in January, 1881, assumed the duties of assistant in the office of the State Attorney General, Hon. D. H. McIntyre, at Jefferson City. He continued in this position during the succeeding four years. In January, 1885, he entered upon the discharge of the duties of Reporter of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He has been retained in that position by the Court continuously to the present time. During Mr. Brown's tenure of office the work of the Reporter has been more than doubled by reason of the increase in the number of the

Judges of the Supreme Court and the growth of litigation in the State, as well as by the change of the constitution of the Court into two divisions. Mr. Brown's work as Reporter has been most satisfactory to both the bench and bar of the State. It is characterized by excellence in the head notes of the cases reported and by the thoroughness and care taken in the details of the work. Mr. Brown's personality is such as to make him esteemed and respected by all who know him, and has endeared him to a large circle of friends. His character is one of singular fearlessness and conscientious fidelity to principle. On May 15, 1883, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Bettie D. French, of Mexico, Mo. Five children have been born to them, three of whom are living. Mr. Brown is associated with Mr. Edwin Silver in the law firm of Silver & Brown at Jefferson City. In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat.

## STATE LIBRARIAN.

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MRS. VIRGINIA EDWARDS, the present Librarian of the Supreme Court, is a typical Missouri woman, capable, earnest, and full of energy. She was formerly Miss Mary Virginia Plattenburg, born at Dover, Lafayette county, Missouri, and a daughter of one of the oldest and best known families in that part of the State. March 28, 1871, she was united in marriage to Maj. John N. Edwards, the famous historian of Shelby's Brigade, and so well known as a journalist and politician. To this union were born three children, two sons and a daughter.

After the death of Major Edwards in 1890, Mrs. Edwards edited and published a volume of his writings, which met with great favor from the reading public. She has also contributed largely to newspapers and magazines, and is as fine a conversationalist as she is a writer. During the years 1892-3 she held the important position of Secretary to the Woman's Board of World's Fair Commissioners from Missouri, and proved a highly efficient officer. November 17, 1896, she was appointed State Librarian, by the Supreme court of the State of Missouri, and is now discharging the duties of that office in a highly satisfactory manner.



## *ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.*

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THIS cut is a likeness of Samuel B. Jeffries, the Assistant Attorney General of the State of Missouri. Mr. Jeffries is twenty-eight years old and was born and reared in Lewis county. He first served his apprenticeship in the public schools of his native county and then completed his education in La Grange College. After completing his academic education he entered Washington University and graduated from its legal department. He then returned to his native county and in 1894 was elected Prosecuting Attorney. In 1896 he became a candidate for re-election and received a majority of 1,036 votes over his Republican opponent, thus attesting his popularity among the people amid whom he grew to manhood. The Assistant Attorney Generalship being offered him, however, he resigned as Prosecuting Attorney of his county, January 11, 1897, to accept this, the higher position. Considering that he has been practicing law only five years, his

career is somewhat remarkable. He was reared and passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, and there amid mules and growing corn were instilled in him the energy and industry which equip men for the grandest achievements. At present he is in a state of single blessedness, but the writer of this little sketch refuses to guarantee the continuance of this condition for any great length of time, considering that he is continually surrounded by Jefferson City's charming girls. No young man in the State has a brighter future than Sam B. Jeffries.

## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

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THE subject of this sketch is Ed. T. Orear, the genial young Democrat and politician from Saline county. Mr. Orear is thirty-nine years old and was born in the above county. He was educated first in the public schools, and afterward completed his course at the State University. He was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Helen Owens, of Sweet Springs, Mo., and is the father of two bright, healthy little boys, who he will train up in the true Democratic faith. Mr. Orear's first official work was that of the Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Saline. Afterward he was chosen as the Chief Clerk to Treasurer Stephens, and served in that capacity with much ability and efficiency.

When the campaign opened in 1896 Mr. Orear started out as one of the most ardent friends of Lon V. Stephens' campaign for Governor, and rendered invaluable service in that particular. Mr. Orear is a shrewd man in campaign affairs: to begin with, he is a good mixer and moves among men with the ease and grace of an old politician, and it is this agreeable feature in his personal nature that aids him very materially. He has received the appointment of State Superintendent of Insurance from Governor Stephens, and will fill this office for the next four years—no man in the State could fill it more efficiently, nor is any Democrat more worthy of this recognition at the hand of the Governor of Missouri. Starting in his political career in the prime of life, with the blessings and good wishes of the Democracy of the State, no young man in Missouri has a brighter future than has Edward T. Orear.



## ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

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ONE of the most popular men who will be at Missouri's State Capital for the next four years is Gen. M. Fred Bell, the newly appointed Adjutant-General. Gen. Bell was born at Hagerstown, Md., in 1849, and there grew to manhood. He was educated in Pittsburg, Pa., and is an architect by profession. He has been with the good people of this State since 1869, and came here from Virginia. He resides at Fulton, and was united in marriage to Miss Dreps of that city; he is the father of two bright and accomplished daughters.

Gen. Bell was a member of the Board of Managers of the State Reform School at Boonville, and is President of the Board of Managers of Missouri School for the Deaf and Dumb, which institution is located at Fulton.

Gen. Bell has always been a Democrat of the truest blue, and has borne with the Democratic party in all its triumphs and defeats in this State; he is a tireless worker, and his appointment was a just tribute to his unrelenting work. In his profession as an architect he has been eminently successful. Everybody knows M. Fred Bell, and no man in the State could add more fitting dignity to the office than this thoroughbred Democrat from the "Kingdom of Callaway." He was State Architect for Asylum No. 3, Nevada; Reform School for Boys, Boonville; University Buildings, Columbia; School for Deaf and Dumb, Fulton. Gen. Bell is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and is recognized as one of the best architects in the State.



## WARDEN PENITENTIARY.

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THIS is a brief biographical sketch of John D. Stark, the newly appointed Warden of the State Penitentiary. He was born August 3, 1842, in Kanah county, Virginia, and came to this State when he was a mere child, settling in Cooper county, where he was reared and where he now resides. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Agnes Stratton of Cooper county, formerly of Kanah county, Virginia, when he was but nineteen years of age.

In politics he has always been a firm and unflinching Democrat. He was elected Judge of the Court of Cooper county in 1880, and in 1882 was elected County Collector; he was re-elected to the same place in 1884; in 1890 he was elected State Senator from the Fourteenth Senatorial District. He is also a man who has seen much of frontier life. In 1861 he went to Salt Lake City as Assistant Wagon Master of a transportation train and in 1865 made the same trip as Wagon Master. He has been an active Mason since 1884, and is in every way a high minded man and a worthy Democrat. Governor Stephens has made no mistake in appointing Mr. Stark as Warden—he will make one of the most capable and efficient men who ever served in that capacity in the State.

## CAPTAIN GEORGE H. ROACH.

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CAPTAIN GEORGE H. ROACH, Seventeenth U. S. Infantry, Assistant Inspector General, Missouri, was born June 19, 1847, in New York; educated in the public schools. Captain Roach served the last two years of the late war in the Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry, enlisting at the age of sixteen. He served in the Fifteenth Army Corps, participating in the Atlanta Campaign, Pursuit of Hood, March to the Sea, Campaign in the Carolinas, 1865. He was appointed Second Lieutenant, Seventeenth Infantry, October 3, 1873, and served in the Northwest, in Dakota, Montana and Wyoming until September, 1895, when, on request of Governor Stone, he was detailed by the Secretary of War for duty with the National Guard of this State. Assigned to duty as Assistant Inspector General of Missouri his work has been laborious and painstaking. In the performance of this duty he is

becoming one of the best known men in the State and is very popular with the officers and men of the National Guard. Captain Roach is a strict disciplinarian, but with broad and liberal views gathered from long experience. He has been instrumental in securing the passage of National Guard measures before the Legislature, and was one of the authors and urgent promoters of the new Code of Military Laws and Regulations. He is married and has two sons. His residence is Jefferson City.



## LABOR COMMISSIONER.

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ARTHUR ROZELLE, Labor Commissioner of Missouri, was born in Luzern county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1859; was reared in Page county, Iowa; was educated in the public schools there and at Amity college, Iowa. He spent a number of years in teaching before engaging in the newspaper business, sixteen years ago. His first experience in politics was with the Greenback party, then with the Union Labor Party, the latter being succeeded by the People's (or Populist) Party, which he helped to organize at Cincinnati, Ohio, in May 1891, and with which he has affiliated since. He never sought nor held a public office until appointed Labor Commissioner. He has been Chairman of the Populist State Central and Executive Committees of Missouri since 1893, and served two years as member of the Populist National Committee. Mr. Rozelle has been a resident of Missouri

seven years, having established the Independent at Tarkio, Atchison county, in 1890. In 1895 he located at Lamar, Barton county, and is now the publisher of the Industrial Leader at that place, and is also a part owner of the Southwest News, of Greenfield, Dade county. He is a thorough and practical newspaper man, and since the organization of the People's Party he has devoted almost all his time and liberally of his means, to fostering its growth and progress. Starting his career as a Peter Cooper Greenbacker, he has always advocated the reforms now championed by the People's Party. He has been prominently identified with the leading labor organizations for years, and is especially qualified for the position to which he was appointed by Governor Stephens on February 7, 1897—that of Labor Commissioner of Missouri.

## *INSPECTOR OF MINES.*

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**C**HARLES EVANS, Inspector of Mines, Higbee (Democrat).—Born in South Wales, August 15, 1834; began to work in coal mines when eight years old; never went to school a day; learned to write on a tin dinner pail by blackening it with the smoke from a miner's lamp, using a nail for a stencil; learned to read in Sunday school; has spent all his life in mining, as a miner, foreman and superintendent; immigrated to the United States in 1858; worked in the mines of the Eastern states, coming to Missouri in 1866, since which time he has been active in developing and opening mines; has lived in Randolph county twenty years; has been member of the City Council at Higbee, and has been a school director for a number of years; has taken an active part in the business enterprises of his town, and is one of its substantial citizens; appointed Mine Inspector by Governor Stone in March, 1893, and re-appointed in 1895, also re-appointed by Governor Stephens in 1897. Married.

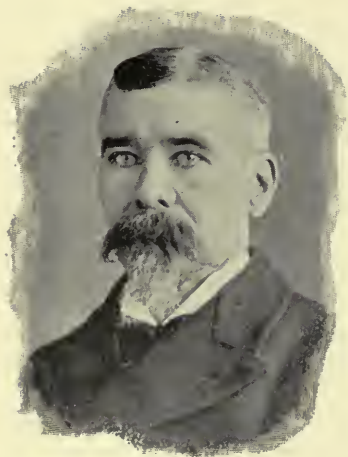


### *INSPECTOR OF LEAD, ZINC AND IRON.*

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THE subject of this sketch is George E. Quinby, the State Mine Inspector of lead, zinc and iron. He resides at Webb City, Mo.; was born in Barren county, Kentucky, January 16, 1856; his parents left Kentucky in 1863 and the most of Mr. Quinby's days were passed in Illinois and the State of his birth. He received the greater portion of his education in Wayne county, Illinois. He was married to Miss Tettie Camp, daughter of Dr. George Camp, of Mt. Erie, Ill.; he has one son, who is fifteen years old at the present time.

Politically, he is a stanch Democrat and always votes that ticket straight; he was a member of the City Council at Webb City from 1894 to 1896, and was President of that council in 1894-5. He first came to this State in 1875 and has resided at Webb City since 1891. He was engaged in the mercantile business from 1883 to 1895 except for a year or two. He has extensive property interests in and around Webb City and Newton county. He is in every way competent to discharge the duties of his present responsible position.



## *J. W. MARSTELLER.*

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**J.** W. MARSTELLER'S brief biography is included in this sketch. He was born forty-nine years ago at Winchester, Virginia, and there grew to manhood; was educated in its public schools and equipped himself generally for important clerical work.

He was united in marriage to Miss Annie B. Chishalm, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has an adopted nephew, but no children of his own.

He is at present the First Assistant to the Labor Commissioner, the Coal Mine Inspector and the Lead and Zinc Inspector. He has resided in this State since 1893, and came here from Cincinnati where he was Chief Clerk to the Chief Engineer of the Southern Railway, and afterward became

Private Secretary to the President of the above road. He is a firm Democrat and served in the Rebel army when he was only seventeen years old.

He is at the present time a trustee and president of the Board of Deacons of the Presbyterian Church. He is a capable man in every respect and serves in an invaluable manner in his present capacity.

## CHIEF INSPECTOR OF GRAIN.

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THE subject of this sketch, Joseph C. A. Hiller, Chief Inspector of Grain for Missouri, was born on March 1, 1856, in the Province of Silesia, Prussia. He came to St. Louis county, Missouri, in the beginning of the year 1870, where he lived with his father on a farm.

He was married on November 15, 1876, to Miss Emma Ehlert, who was born in the county named on January 10, 1858. Joining his fortune with those of the Democratic party, he took an active part in politics even before he arrived at the age of maturity, and when he was finally old enough to vote participated not only in the work, but the conventions of his party.

He removed to Barton county, in Southwest Missouri, in 1883, where he lived on a farm until the latter part of the year 1894, when he was appointed to a position in the Grain Inspection Department. Meanwhile he had taken a very active part in the politics of the Southwest. He was a leading member and officer of the Barton County Alliance and the Farmers and Laborers' Union of the State. He represented the latter body in the National Convention of that organization at Ocala, Fla. He was elected to represent Barton county in the House of the Third-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies, where he served as chairman of some of the most important committees. In November, 1892, he was appointed a member of the so-called Auditing Committee by Gov. Francis, and in November 1895, he was chosen for a term of four years to serve as Chief Inspector of Grain for the State of Missouri.



## STATE GEOLOGIST.

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CHARLES R. KEYES, director of the Bureau of Geology and Mines, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1864. His early education was received under private tutors and in the public schools. He attended Calanan college four years, and was graduated from the State University in 1887, proceeding subsequently to the doctorate, at the Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore. During these years special attention was given to geology, the natural sciences and engineering. For two years Dr. Keyes was engaged on the U. S. Geological Survey in the Appalachian region. He came to Missouri in 1891 as principal geologist to the Missouri Geological Survey, but was soon called to Iowa as Assistant State Geologist, with practically full charge of the work. He remained there only a short time when he was called back to this State to supervise the Bureau of Geology and

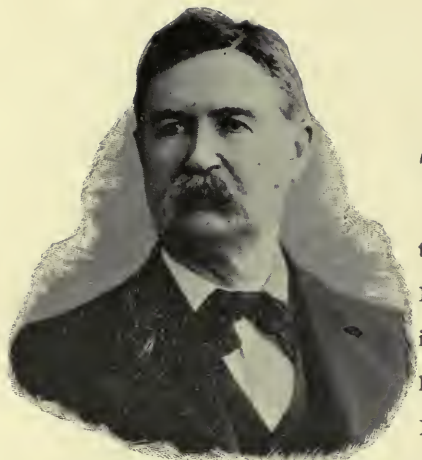
Mines. Dr. Keyes has published seven large volumes on geological subjects, besides over 150 shorter memoirs, embracing the results of geological researches that have appeared in the leading scientific magazines, and several of these articles have been translated and printed in foreign periodicals. He is a most capable and efficient man for the position he occupies; and his work is destined to be of great and lasting benefit to this State.



## *BUILDING AND LOAN SUPERVISOR.*

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THE accompanying cut is a likeness of Henry L. Gray, the Building and Loan Supervisor of Missouri. Mr. Gray was born fifty-one years ago in St. Charles county and has spent his life among the good people of his native State; was educated in the common schools and by close observance and attention throughout his life has become a much-informed man. He was married to Miss Sophia Dinwiddie, of Boone county, Missouri, and has one son, Omar D. Gray, editor of the Sturgeon Leader. Mr. Gray's former occupation was that of a merchant and traveling salesman; was Assistant Secretary of the Senate in 1887, Secretary of that body in 1889-91, Chief Clerk of the Labor Bureau from '91 to '95. At the present time he is serving in the capacity of Deputy Supervisor of Building and Loan Associations. Everybody knows Henry Gray—he numbers his friends by those who know him, and is a man in every way eminently qualified for the responsible position which he now holds.



### *CHIEF CLERK PARK.*

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THE efficient and popular Chief Clerk to the Secretary of State, has held that important position since 1890, and has discharged its duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He was born October 12, 1842, in Madison county, Kentucky. Reared in that State and in Missouri; educated in private schools and at University of Louisville. By occupation he is a lawyer and editor. Residence, Platte City, Mo. He was County Clerk of Platte county two terms, beginning in 1871. Mr. Park is a Democrat, tried and true, and has done much valuable work for his party. He edited the Platte City Landmark eighteen years, and was President of the Missouri Press Association 1877-8. Mr. Park came to Missouri in 1857, and in early manhood married Miss Margaret E. Baxter, of Clay county, Mo. They have two sons. Few men enjoy so fully the esteem and confidence of their fellowmen as does Mr. Park, and none more fully deserves it.



### *CHIEF CLERK ALLEN.*

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**A**LBERT O. ALLEN (Democrat), of New Madrid, Mo., Chief Clerk in the office of the State Auditor, is a native of Madison county, this State, where he was born in 1843. He was reared in Southeast Missouri and was educated at Arcadia High School. He owns the New Madrid Record, an influential newspaper, and has held several important offices, having represented New Madrid county in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly ; was Chief Clerk under State Auditor Halliday six years and eight years under State Auditor Seibert. During the Civil War he served four years in the First Missouri Infantry, Cockrell's Brigade, C. S. A., as Sergeant. Mr.

Allen is married, and he is not only a splendid man of affairs but a model husband. The name of Albert O. Allen is known and respected throughout the State.

## CHIEF CLERK BASSETT.

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THE subject of this sketch is the genial and gentlemanly William H Bassett, the Chief Clerk in the office of State Treasurer. Mr. Bassett was born September 2, 1863, in Paris, Mo., in Monroe county, the banner Democratic county of the State. There, amid influences and surroundings that were distinctly Democratic he grew to manhood; was educated in its schools and besides learning the valuable contents of books, learned how to vote the Democratic ticket absolutely straight. After getting the ordinary education offered by the common schools he completed his training in the State University. He was married to Miss Abbie McDaniel, of Warrensburg, and with her lives a happy life. He has been Mayor of Paris, the county seat of Monroe county, and was Deputy County Clerk for a period of ten years. This position he resigned to become Assistant State Treasurer. He is a polished young man, courteous, able and ambitious and has a bright career in the councils of his party in this State.





# The JEFFERSON CITY BRIDGE

J-A-E WADDELL, Designer & Chief Engineer.  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

A-J TULLOCK, Builder.  
LEAVENWORTH, KAN.



## *U. S. SENATOR VEST.*

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**G**EORGE GRAHAM VEST, of Kansas City, was born in Frankfort, Ky., December 6, 1830 ; graduated at Centre College, Kentucky, in 1848, and in the Law Department of Transylvania University, at Lexington, Ky., in 1853 ; removed the same year to Missouri and began the practice of law in Central Missouri ; was a Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket in 1860 ; was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives in 1860-61 ; was a member of the House of Representatives of the Confederate Congress for two years and a member of the Confederate Senate for one year ; was elected to the United States Senate as a Democrat, in place of James Shields, Democrat (who had been elected to fill the vacancy caused

by the death of Lewis V. Bogy, Democrat) ; took his seat March 18, 1879 ; was re-elected in 1885 and 1891, and again on January 18, 1897, by the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. His term of office will expire March 3, 1903. Few men have so ably and acceptably represented their constituents in the Senate of the United States, and Mr. Vest will ever be remembered in Missouri as a true and faithful exponent of the political principles and policies held by the great majority of his people.

*U. S. SENATOR COCKRELL.*

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**F**RANCIS MARION COCKRELL, Warrensburg (Democrat).—Born in Johnson county, Mo., October 1, 1834; received his early education in the common schools of his county; graduated from Chapel Hill College, Lafayette county, Mo., in July, 1853; studied law, and was admitted to the bar; never held any public office prior to his election to the Senate; entered Missouri State Guard as private in 1861; subsequently elected Captain, and served for about six months; entered Confederate army January, 1862, enlisted as a private, "for the war;" soon afterward elected Captain; promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel; promoted to Colonel, then to Brigadier-General, and placed in command of a division; elected to the Senate and took his seat March 4, 1875; was re-elected in 1881, in 1887, and again in 1893 for a term to expire in 1899. He enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and esteem of the whole people of his State, regardless of political belief. Is one of the most attentive and efficient public servants that ever sat in the United States Senate.





## SENATOR PEERS.

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THE subject of this sketch is Charles E. Peers of Warrenton, the recognized leader of the Democrats in the State Senate. Mr. Peers was born May 2, 1844, at Troy, Lincoln county. He has had a wide experience in legislative affairs, having filled the position of Circuit Attorney from 1868 to 1872, an office which has since been abolished. He was elected a member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and in 1888 was appointed by Gov. Morehouse to fill a vacancy on the bench of the St. Louis Court of Appeals. Later he was appointed a member of the Committee to visit State Institutions and report their condition to the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, by Gov. Stone. He was Chairman of this Committee. Mr. Peers is an attorney by profession and there are few men in the State who excel him upon legal technicalities or upon Constitutional law. He also enjoys the reputation of being the best presiding officer in the State of Missouri, which is saying a great deal. No man in the State is more at home in a turbulent convention

than the Senator from Warren county, and no man can quell a lot of howling delegates more easily—he rules with an iron hand, and being an expert parliamentarian he never makes a mistake in ruling. Senator Peers is a man of strong personality, which attracts admiration from his enemies as well as his friends. In a political fight he is an unterrified and aggressive fighter and knows but seldom the meaning of the word “defeated.” It would be useless to attempt, in this short biography, to name the bills which the Senator from Warrenton has fathered, for it would be an impossibility to do so.

Personally Senator Peers is a very agreeable man; as a Democrat, uncompromising; as a man, upright and honorable. Missouri and Missourians are proud of the statesman and Senator from Warren county.



## SENATOR MAJOR.



FEW brighter young men have occupied a seat in the historic chamber of the State Senate than Elliott W. Major, the member from the Eleventh District. Senator Major was born thirty-two years ago in Lincoln county, Mo., but is at present a resident of Bowling Green, Pike county. He is a young man of educational polish and grace, and is a lawyer by profession; with an experience of only eleven years, he at the present time commands a large and lucrative practice, both civil and criminal, in Pike and adjoining counties. But while he has been eminently successful in the law, he has in him all those peculiar qualifications which fit him for the life of a statesman, and no man ever entered the Senate Chamber of this State with heartier commendation or more good wishes. The recent campaign gave the young Senator from Pike an opportunity to show his true iron. Receiving an invitation to participate in the fight in Illinois, he accepted and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. He traveled with Bryan's special, and in his last speech in Chicago, at the People's Institute, the Chicago Record said of him: "There was one speaker who was able to make the audience forget that Bryan was late, and the hours were long. It was Senator Elliott W. Major, of Missouri. Thirty minutes after his first speech he came back with another in response to an ovation, second only to that given the presidential candidate." During the discussion of the Fellow Servant law in the Senate Senator Major made what the metropolitan press termed the ablest speech made in its behalf in either branch of the Assem-

bly. His nominating speech of Senator Vest was a most beautiful tribute of the most elegant rhetoric, and recited in a happy and eloquent way the qualities of that great statesman—"Missouri's Little Giant." Another speech which deserves special mention is his plea for the ex-Confederate Home bill; it was a beautiful appeal, full of tenderness and pathos for the old and tottering soldiers who followed the glorious though defeated flag of Lee. Everybody likes the enthusiastic young Democratic statesman from Pike. He wears his laurels with perfect unconsciousness, and has a kind word for everyone. Missouri's people love young men of his open candor and enthusiasm; he is one whom it is a pleasure to know in this age of political degeneracy. Young in years, with a keen intellect and the hope and ambition of the patriot and the statesman, no young man in the State has a brighter future than this young Senator from old Pike.

## SENATOR *McCLINTIC*.

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THE subject of this sketch is Senator William S. McClintic, one of the most substantial Democrats in the Senate of Missouri. He was born fifty-three years ago in the County of Rockbridge in Virginia. There he received his educational training and spent his boyhood days; he came to Missouri in 1867, and prior to that time had resided in Tennessee for several years. He left the Virginia Military Institute in 1861 and entered the Confederate army in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade and served throughout the war in the army of northern Virginia; he followed the flag whose meteoric splendor ended in defeat and laid down his sword at Appomattox. He is married and has six living children: was elected to the Legislature from Marion county in 1888, and in 1892 was elected State Senator from the

Thirteenth Senatorial District. He is a Democrat of the most pronounced kind and is a very strong man in the body of which he is a member. Being a farmer he is thoroughly imbued with their interests and there are many of his enthusiastic friends over the State who earnestly desire his elevation to higher honors in the political future of Missouri.

## SENATOR O'BANNON.

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THE biggest man in the present State Senate is James P. O'Bannon, the subject of this sketch. Mr. O'Bannon is thirty-eight years old, was born in Dallas county, Mo., and educated in its common schools. He was united in marriage to Miss Louisa E. Robbins, of his native county, and is father of four children, two boys and two girls. Mr. O'Bannon is by no means an amateur in politics. In 1882 he was made Circuit Clerk and ex-officio Recorder in Dallas county, and afterward made the race and was re-elected. In 1890 he went before the Senatorial Convention of his district and was given the nomination and election; his popularity is attested by the fact that in 1894 he was re-elected. Until recently he was editor and publisher of the Buffalo Reflex, a sturdy Republican newspaper. For years he has been Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Dallas county, and is at

the present time a member of the State Committee; in this capacity he has served for ten years. Mr. O'Bannon is one of the most prominent Republicans in the State and plays an active part in the present State Senate. He is in size and weight in the Senate what the irrepressible and gallant Colonel John T. Crisp is in the House of Representatives—by far the biggest man in it; in other words, Mr. O'Bannon is “sort of a Tom Reed” in the Republican minority of the Senate. He is agreeable in nature, and in every way one of the most substantial members in the upper mill of Missouri lawmakers.

## SENATOR HOHENSCHILD.

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THERE are few more brilliant young Democrats in the State of Missouri than the subject of this sketch, Senator Henry H. Hohenschild, who is the youngest member of the Senate. He was born in 1865, in St. Louis, but at present resides in Rolla, Mo. He was educated in the public and High schools of St. Louis, and afterward attended several architectural schools, from which institutions he perfected himself in his chosen profession, that of architecture.

In politics Senator Hohenschild is an ardent and uncompromising Democrat and believes firmly in the great fundamental principles of that party to which so many illustrious men have dedicated their lives. Up to this time Cupid has not succeeded in entangling the handsome young Senator in any matrimonial complication—how long he will be able to elude the flying

arrows of the tricky little god of love, however, no one presumes to say.

No young man is more respected by his fellow Senators than Hohenschild; to know him is to be attracted by his charming personality and frank, open young manhood.

The speech on the companion bills to establish homes for ex-Confederate and Federal soldiers, delivered in the Senate by this young Senator, was one of the most beautiful orations that has been heard in that historic chamber for years. He is a young man of eloquence and ability, and has a host of warm and admiring friends, who hope for him that the future will finally give to him all that it promises at present.

## SENATOR BURKHEAD,

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WHO represents the Nineteenth District in the Senate of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, is one of the most talented and worthy men in that talented body. He was born in Coweta county, Georgia, January 20, 1860, and was educated in the private schools of Alabama; began teaching in his eighteenth year, and taught two years; read law in the office of Robinson & Brown; at Scottsboro, Ala., and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of that State February 3, 1883; practiced in the Twenty-second Judicial Circuit in partnership with ex-Governor Lewis E. Parsons; located at Ava, Mo., January 10, 1886, where he has ever since enjoyed a lucrative practice. In 1896 Mr. Burkhead was a candidate before the Republican Convention of the Fourteenth Congressional District, but turned his forces to Hon. John A. Snider when nomination was practically won for himself. He headed his county delegation to the Senatorial Convention of the Nineteenth District, pledged to Hon. W. A. Love; voted the delegation eighty-

eight times for Love, and on the eighty-ninth ballot was himself nominated by the convention. He made a close canvas of the district, making eighty-one speeches. Four years previous all the counties had gone Republican, giving his predecessor 991 majority. This time three counties went democratic, and all the others gave a decreased Republican majority, yet Mr. Burkhead was elected by a majority of 2,922 over the Democratic-Populist candidate. Mr. Burkhead has taken an active part in all important measures before the senate, and has also introduced a number of bills providing for needed amendments to the laws. He has served on the Committees on Criminal Jurisprudence, Insurance and Justices of the Peace, and has made a very useful and safe committeeman. The legislative interests of the Nineteenth District are safe in the hands of Mr. Burkhead.



## SENATOR CHILDERS.

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J. H. CHILDERS, the subject of this sketch, is one of the most substantial Democratic members of the present State Senate. He is thirty-four years old and was born in Carrolton, Carrol county, Ark. When only one year old his father left the former State and came to Hickory county, Mo., where the Senator grew to manhood. He first served his time in the common public schools and afterward completed his course in the Rondo, Mo., Academy. He was united in marriage to Miss Jessie B. Nihart, who is thirty-two years old at the present time; they have no children. A great deal of credit is due to Senator Childers. Born without the advantages of affluent wealth with which to perfect his ambitions, he taught school and thus enabled himself to take up the study of law. When he was twenty-

one years old he was admitted to the bar, and has been engaged in active practice ever since at Hermitage, the town where he resides. Senator Childers is very popular among his fellow members in the Senate. He is agreeable personally and is in every sense of the word a courteous gentleman. As a legislator he is brainy, liberal minded and a man who is ever vigilant of the interests of the common people. He was Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, one of the most important committees in the Senate; also Chairman of the Committee on Justices of the Peace.

## SENATOR VANDIVER.

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SENATOR CHARLES H. VANDIVER, who represents the Seventeenth District was born May 1, 1840, in Hampshire county, Virginia, reared on a farm, and in 1861 enlisted as a private in Company F, Seventh Virginia Cavalry, C. S. A.; served through the war until losing his right arm near Petersburg, Va., June 26, 1864, then Lieutenant, commanding his company. He had, previous to this, been wounded twice—shot in the head at Morefield and through the body at Culpepper Court House, Va.; was in the battle of Manassas, Brandy Station, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and other principal engagements of Lee and Stonewall Jackson, up to the date of losing his arm. He had many thrilling adventures and narrow escapes, losing seven horses killed under him in action. After the war he read law, but gave it up for the journalistic profession, and edited a paper at Keyser, W. Va., for ten years; was Sergeant-at-Arms of the West Virginia Senate in 1882-83; came to Missouri in the latter year; has since engaged in farming; was elected State Senator of the Seventeenth District from Lafayette county, November, 1896.

On the occasion when taken from the field of active conflict as a result of his physical disability, the Lieutenant Colonel, Thos. M. Marshall, commanding the reg-

iment, wrote him the following pathetic tribute and sympathetic letter—(Colonel Marshall was subsequently killed in battle, and they never met again):—

MY-DEAR VANDIVER:—I am unwilling that your connection with us should be severed without offering some tribute to worth so unusual and services so distinguished. I canvassed for a little while in my own mind the propriety of going with your company and making a more formal address at the station, ere the parting train should take away from us one who has been so truly esteemed and so highly prized as yourself. But in consideration of your health and my own relative affliction my mind has concluded against it.

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH V. C., August 7th, 1864.

SENATOR VANDIVER.—Continued.

The stern necessities of our condition as soldiers, who should be ever ready to meet the direst dangers and most cruel scenes, tend to harden our susceptibilities and compel us to control our finer emotions, so that we become dull of heart in realizing the most affecting occurrences, and slow of speech to express that which should come from the soul, as a free-flowing fountain.

I cannot bear to part from one so richly endowed by the "God of Nature" and of "Grace" with the noblest qualities which adorn humanity, without endeavoring to express (however feebly it may be) my high appreciation of your uncommon merit.

Severed from us, your comrades in arms, by a dispensation of an "Allwise Providence," which has seen fit to disable you from active service in your former position, I feel satisfied that the "Spirit of Charles Vandiver" will shape for him in his future life some course of noble usefulness, which will redound to the service of his country, the honor of humanity and the glory of his God.

Though maimed by a ruthless foe and robbed of the right arm of your physical strength, I feel assured that the mighty soul within what remains of your manly form will find some mode of expression and will overcome by its inherent energy, strengthened by the grace that is in you, whatever obstacles may beset your pathway.

The Holy Scriptures say that "Greater is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." More to be envied is the man possessed of the qualities with which you are endowed than the highest dignitary with widest sway, decked in the brightest robes of office.

You will not believe, my dear sir, that what I have said proceeds from aught but a sincere heart, that this is the smooth speech of the flatterer and not the utterance of a true friend and hearty admirer. Should it tend to produce in you any feeling of self-exaltation, I have only to advert to that other passage of Scripture, "What hast thou, that thou didst not receive."

Though unacquainted with her who gave you birth, I yet feel in some degree bound to her by chords of sympathy. Tell her that in your case there is no cause for regret; that the bright record you have left behind you as a brave Southern soldier and the noble deeds you have wrought in your country's cause will be more than a compensation for the great personal loss you have met with.

And now, my dear sir, I must bid you "farewell." If, in the course of Providence, our future paths in life should lie near each other, it would be a source of gratitude and pleasure to me. Or should it be in my power at any time to do you a service, be assured that to none would it be rendered with more alacrity and cheerfulness. But should (what by some is called) "the chance of war" cause us to meet no more in this life, I trust that in a higher, hollier and happier world our acquaintance will be renewed, never to be broken. Truly your friend and well-wisher,

THOMAS MARSHALL, Lieutenant-Colonel Seventh V. C.

## SENATOR SEABER.

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ALFRED NAPIER SEABER is one of the staunchest Republican members of the present State Senate. He was born fifty-seven years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, and in that State passed his boyhood days, and in its schools he received his education. Afterward he moved to Kentucky, and came to this State twelve years ago.

Mr. Seaber was united in marriage to Hannah E. Boling, of Perry county, Kentucky, and is the father of four children. He resides at Kirksville, Adair county, and there practices the profession of law.

He was the candidate for Congress in the Tenth Kentucky District in 1880, and was defeated by a small margin by J. D. White; he was Justice of the Peace from 1873 to 1880; Special Examiner of Pensions of the United States Pension Office from 1882 to 1893, and State Senator from 1894 to 1898. Senator Seaber is a man who enjoys the utmost confidence and respect from his fellow Senators. He is a courteous gentleman, fair in controversy, but ardent in advocacy of any cause he may espouse. He is a man eminently qualified for the high position he holds. Is a member of the Committees on Appropriations, Corporations, and Penitentiary; also author of the new ballot and osteopathy laws. He is also a warm friend of our educational institutions and interested in educational legislation.

## SENATOR DAVISSON.

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SAMUEL P. DAVISSON is one of the substantial members of the present State Senate. He was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana. His father, J. C. Davisson, died in 1864, and his mother, Sallie A. Davisson, moved to Harrison county, Mo., where she reared a family of seven children. Senator Davisson was educated in the Kirksville Normal and at Grand River College; he has taught school and been an editor and merchant, but is now engaged in farming. He was united in marriage to Miss Gara Burrows, daughter of ex-Congressman Burrows, and is the father of two children, a daughter and a son. He has resided in this State ever since 1865, when he left Indiana. He has been County School Commissioner for two terms—from 1885 to 1889; has been Representative for two terms and is at present a val-

ued member of the State Senate. He is a Republican in politics and owes his political honors to that party. In his legislative career he has been interested especially in matters appertaining to Pure Food, Asylums, Education and Insurance. He is a gallant champion of the rights of woman, and contends vigorously for the purest basis of society that legislative safeguards can create. He takes a very active part in all the Senate discussions, and if matters do not suit him he is not slow in raising a vigorous protest. Taken all in all, the Senator from Harrison is a man eminently qualified to represent his constituency in the State Senate, and his official conduct is such as to reflect credit upon himself and his people.



## SENATOR WELLS.

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**T**HIS short sketch is a brief biography of William C. Wells, the Democratic Senator from the Third District. He resides at Platte City, Platte county, and was born in Madison county, Kentucky, sixty-two years ago. He was educated in the public schools of the county in which he now resides. He left Kentucky, "the State of Colonels," and the birthplace of our own great and matchless ex-Gov. William J. Stone, in 1843, and ever since that time has been content to rest his fortunes in Old Missouri. He was a member of the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth General Assemblies, which has given him an extensive experience in legislative affairs; he has also held other offices of a public nature in Platte county, having been Public Administrator for eight years, and Director of the Platte City public schools nine years. Senator Wells is a widower, his wife, Miss Eliza Jane Strother, of Madison county, Kentucky, having died in 1890, leaving five children, one of whom

has since died; two sons are engaged in the banking business in Platte City at the present time. Senator Wells has himself been engaged in the banking business the past eighteen years, and is at present at the head of the Wells Banking Company.

The Senator is a man of genial disposition and winning manners, takes an active part in all legislative matters which come before the body of which he is a member, and is in every way one of the most substantial Democratic members in the present State Senate.

## SENATOR WILLIAMS.

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JOHN M. WILLIAMS was born October 6, 1843, in Guernsey county, Ohio. His parents were of Irish extraction, with an admixture of Welsh and Scotch blood; was born and reared on a farm, and attended the district schools until seventeen, when he taught one term. August 16, 1862, he enlisted as a private soldier in Co. E, One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry. This regiment was organized at Zanesville, Ohio, and first saw active service in Western Virginia. A few days after the battle of Gettysburg the regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, with which it remained until after the close of the war. During the summer of 1864 the Sixth Army

Corps, of which his regiment was part, was sent to the Shenandoah Valley, where it took a prominent part in the victories gained by General Sheridan. Mr. Williams had the good fortune to pass through all these battles without sickness or wounds.

After being discharged from the army—at which time he had been promoted to the rank of Captain—he returned to his Ohio home, where he attended school for a year. He then came to California, Mo., where he has ever since resided. He read law while teaching school and serving as Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. In October, 1868, he married Miss Alice Gray Howard, of Cooper county; eight children, all living, were born to them. Mr. Williams was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Moniteau county in 1890 by a combination between the Republicans and Populists, and by a similar combination was elected Senator in 1894 over Dr. J. P. H. Gray (Dem.) for the Fourteenth District, composed of Camden, Cooper, Howard, Morgan and Moniteau counties. Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Presbyterian Church.

## SENATOR BREWSTER.

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THE following sketch is a brief biography of one of the strongest and most substantial young men in the State Senate, A. W. Brewster. Senator Brewster was born at Austinburg, Ohio, and is thirty-two years old. He has passed the major portion of his life, however, in the State of Kansas, and received his education in Washburn College at Topeka. He is a lawyer by profession, and no man of his age in the State has a brighter future in his chosen line than the Senator from St. Joseph.

Politically speaking, Senator Brewster is a Republican of the staunchest kind and is at all times ready to defend the principles of his party; he is an orator of no mean qualities, and in this respect is as powerful as any other member of the present Senate.

Senator Brewster is thoroughly courteous in his bearing, and no man in the State Capital is more popular than he. The fact that he has resided in this State only six years and that he is now in the Senate is sufficient guarantee of his power and popularity.

Senator Brewster was united in marriage to Miss Ada O. Kanaga. His presence in the State Senate means influence, and his district could find no more able or more courteous gentleman to represent it in that honorable body.

## SENATOR ANDERSON.

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THE subject of this sketch is a rock-ribbed Democrat, Senator Benjamin M. Anderson from Boone county. Mr. Anderson is a typical Missourian; he was born and reared in Boone county and has lived there the greater part of his life—he is forty-two years old. Mr. Anderson has been engaged in the mercantile business quite actively, but in 1881 gave it up for farming and the raising of live stock; this he has been engaged in upon quite an extensive scale. His first political experience in an official capacity may be said to date from 1886, when he was elected County Collector of Boone county; he held this office for two terms. In 1894 he was elected Presiding Judge of the county in which he resides. He is the son of Benjamin and Sarah Anderson of Orange county; was married in 1882 to Miss Fannie Bowling of Colum-

bia, Missouri. After serving for two years in the capacity of Presiding Judge, his ambition took a wider scope and he was nominated and elected to the State Senate from his district. There is not a man in the present Senate who has more warm hearted and admiring friends than Senator Ben. M. Anderson. As a legislator he is painstaking and able. He never loses sight of the interests of his constituency, and is always ready to extend favors to others that he may gain points for the people of his district. But his great popularity is due to his charming personality. There is no sturdy Democrat in this broad State who has in his breast a warmer heart than the Senator from Boone, and it is to this fact that he owes his countless friends. As long as one man lives who is connected with the Senate of Missouri, he will never forget the jovial and big hearted Anderson of Boone county.



## SENATOR POWERS.

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**H**ARVEY B. POWERS is a Republican member of the present State Senate. He was born in Illinois, the home of "Honest Old Abe," fifty-four years ago. He resides at Powersville, Putnam county, and is a man who believes firmly in the principles of that party which chose William McKinley as Executive for the next four years. He was educated in the public schools and has improved as best he could the opportunities of his life. His profession is that of minister, and for twenty-seven years he has been a minister of the M. E. Church ; he also engages in farming, and as a legislator is thoroughly imbued with the interests and welfare of the farming classes. He has also held other public positions, having been elected Judge of the County Court in 1881 and 1882. He served three years in Company "E" of the 124th Illinois Infantry during the civil war—from a common private to Second Lieutenant. Senator Powers is married and has seven

children—four boys and three girls. It was in 1866 that he left Illinois to come to Missouri and cast his fortunes with her hospitable people. The Senator is a man of very agreeable personality, though quiet in nature. He is for strict economy in all public expenditures, and never lets the opportunity escape to raise his voice in behalf of the common people. He is one of the most substantial members of the present State Senate.



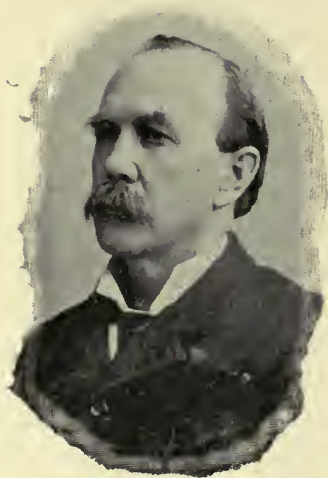
## SENATOR LANCASTER.

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RICHARD D. LANCASTER (Democrat), of St. Louis, who represents the Thirty-second District of St. Louis City in the State Senate, was born in Ireland, December 21, 1836; came to this country in 1849, and settled in St. Louis, where he has since resided; was educated in the public schools of St. Louis; has been engaged in the real estate business since 1860; cast his first vote in 1860, voting for Stephen A. Douglas for President; was elected a member of the City Council in 1866 and re-elected in 1868; was elected to the State Senate in 1870 and served four years; he was an enthusiastic supporter of General Frank P. Blair for United States Senator in 1871 and 1873; during his term in the Senate, he took an active and prominent part in all

matters of legislation, especially favoring the adoption of the Scheme and Charter for the separate government of the City of St. Louis; subsequently served as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for four years, also as a member of the City Democratic Committee; was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1876, and at that time was in advance of his party in advocating the nomination of a Western man for President; in 1885, he was appointed Surveyor of the Port by President Cleveland, which office he held until the incoming of the Harrison administration in 1889; was again elected to the State Senate in 1894. Married.



*SENATOR GOODYKOONTZ.*

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**W**ILLIAM R. GOODYKOONTZ, of Caledonia, Washington county, is a Missourian. Was born at Caledonia, in the county which he represents, February 10, 1852; received his education in the schools of Caledonia; was a member of the House of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District in 1894. Democrat. Physician; widower.

## *SENATOR LYONS,*

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**W**ILLIAM F. LYONS, of Kansas City, who represents the Seventh District in the Senate, is a lawyer by profession, and a good one. He also takes much interest in politics, and evidently stands high with his party, else he would not have been chosen to the responsible and honorable position he now holds. He was born May 16, 1862, in Lafayette county, Missouri, and reared in that county; educated at Emery and Henry college, Virginia, and at the St. Louis and Chicago Law Schools, he is thoroughly equipped for the responsible duties to which he has been called. He is a conspicuous figure in the Senate of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly of Missouri.

## SENATOR LANDRUM.

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**R**ICHARD H. LANDRUM, (Republican), Mt. Vernon, Lawrence county, who represents the Eighteenth District in the State Senate, was born May 31, 1834, in Jefferson county, Tenn.; educated in a log school-house in native county; came to Lawrence county, Missouri, November 1, 1851, with a widowed mother, in a two-horse wagon, being forty-two days on the road; financial condition, all told, on arrival, 25 cents in silver; hired out by the day or month for support. In 1853 he pre-empted a section of government land and began the improvement of the farm upon which he lived until 1887; in the winter of 1855 hired to E. G. Paris, now of Paris Springs, Missouri, to drive hogs from Mount Vernon to St. Louis, a distance of 300 miles, walking

the entire distance there and back, the snow being too deep on the return trip for horse or wagon; with the exception of fall of 1853 and summer of 1854, when he worked on a farm in Texas at \$13 per month, has resided in Lawrence county ever since coming to the State; was enrolled in the Lawrence county Home Guards May 16, 1861, being elected Second Lieutenant, and afterward First Lieutenant of Company B, Seventy-sixth Regiment E. M. M.; has held the offices of Constable, Justice of the Peace, Judge of the County Court, Probate Court and Court of Common Pleas; member of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, and elected State Senator in 1894; has practiced law since 1870; is a relative of John Sevier, the first Governor of Tennessee. Married April 17, 1856, to Susan E. Hargrove.

## *SENATOR MATTHEWS.*

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THE following is a brief sketch of Buell Lyon Matthews, a member of the present State Senate. He resides at Hermann, where he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice as a lawyer. He is a native Missourian and was born in this State thirty-five years ago; he served his apprenticeship in the common schools of Gasconade county, and afterward completed his education in the State University. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican and is ever ready to fight the political battles of that party. In 1888 Senator Matthews was elected to the Legislature and re-elected in 1890; in 1892 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Gasconade county and in '94

was elevated to the State Senate from the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Franklin, Gasconade and St. Louis. He is married and has four bright children. As a legislator he is conscientious, careful and able and in every way competent to occupy a seat in the Senate of this State.





## *SENATOR SCHWEICKARDT.*

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THIS cut is the resemblance of the jovial and good natured Senator, Charles Schweickardt, from St. Louis. He is fifty years old and was born in Germany, the nation of martial soldiers and the home of the world's greatest living statesman, Prince Bismarck, the man of blood and iron. Until thirteen years of age he lived in the "Fatherland," and there, around the old firesides with his boyish companions, listened to the story of Kris Kringle and other pretty myths that have been told for centuries. He is a Republican in politics, yet is liberal minded on all propositions and does not carry things to that bitter partisan degree or excess which characterizes so many public men. He came to this State from New York twenty-two years ago and has resided in St. Louis ever since; was nominated to the State Senate during his absence at the National Liquor Dealers' Convention and has been an active man in politics for twenty years. He is a widower and has two living children. Senator Schweickardt is a man who is well liked by his colleagues from the fact of his genial good nature; as a legislator he is well informed and thoroughly competent.



## *SENATOR MARTIN.*

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THE following is a brief sketch of Senator Thomas C. Martin, one of the staunch and able members of the present State Senate. He was born in 1837 in the State of New York, at Albany, and in that historic and great Gotham of America grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools of that State, and by being of an observing nature has acquired a vast fund of general information upon all practical subjects. He is an unqualified Republican and is a strong man in the minority in the present Senate. He was married to Miss Kate Straut, of St. Louis, and is the father of three children: two daughters and a son. During the war he was in the transport service on the Mississippi river. He was a member from St. Louis to the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies and was elected State Senator from that city in 1896, from the Thirtieth Senatorial District. He has been a School Director in St. Louis and also Deputy Sheriff and Deputy City Marshal of that city. He is a man who acts with mature deliberation and is in every sense of the word competent to sit in the Senate of this State.



## *SENATOR MARSHALL.*

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**J**OHN E. MARSHALL, (Democrat), of Sikeston, Scott county, Mo., was born in that county in 1855. He was liberally educated in Charleston, Mississippi county, and is ranked as a successful farmer and merchant. He has been a Judge of the County Court two terms, and has also been prominent in everything that tended to promote the welfare and advance the interests of his fellowmen.

Mr. Marshall possesses fine ability, a pleasant address and the utmost confidence of all who have the honor of his acquaintance. He is married and is the father of six children.

## SENATOR ORCHARD.

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IN the Senate of Missouri there sits no more perfect and courteous gentleman than James Orchard of Howell county. Senator Orchard was born in Shannon county, October 24, 1850; has lived all his life in the fifth State of the Union. He owes his present position of honor to his own persistent efforts. He educated himself in private schools and having an ambition to become a lawyer perfected himself in that profession. He is a Democrat of the truest blue, and is a valuable man in the battles of his party; he has held various offices, such as County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Probate Judge and Prosecuting Attorney of Shannon county—illustrating his popularity among the people where he grew to manhood. In 1894 he was elected to the State

Senate and is at the present time one of the most influential Democratic members of that body. He has succeeded in passing a number of important measures and takes an active part in all legislation that comes before that body. He is a courteous gentleman and numbers his friends by the score; no man in that high body enjoys a greater degree of profound respect than Senator James Orchard.



### *SENATOR BALLARD.*

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**J**ASPER N. BALLARD, of Montrose, Henry county, who represents the Sixteenth District in the State Senate, is a native Missourian, born March 20, 1842, in Cooper county, and educated in the common schools of this State; was Presiding Judge of the Bates County Court for five years; represented the same county in the Thirty-first General Assembly, and was in attendance upon the called session of the same Assembly, which convened April, 1882, to re-district the State into Congressional Districts; farmer and banker; elected to the State Senate November 6, 1894. On January 8, 1858, was married to Josephine L. Starke, of Cooper county. Senator Ballard is a Democrat and has made an honorable record in the Senate.





### *SENATOR YOUNG.*

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ONE of the strongest and handsomest members of the Upper House is the gentleman who represents the Fifth District. He is a resident of Kansas City, and a lawyer by profession. Mr. Young was born in Ray county, Mo., January 20, 1858. Grew to manhood in Ray county; was educated in the public schools and at Kirksville Normal. He was Mayor of Carrollton two terms, beginning in 1883. Was Delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1888, at St. Louis. He is married and has three children, his wife being Miss Ida F. Gant, of Ray county. Mr. Young is Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Costs, also of the Committee on Cities of over 35,000, and is a member of the Committees on Judiciary and Eleemosynary Institutions. He is a tireless worker, and stands high among his fellow-members.

## SENATOR MOTT.

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FREDERICK W. MOTT, of St. Louis, representing the Twenty-ninth Senatorial District in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, is one of the most useful and popular members of the Legislature. He is forty-seven years old, was born in New York City, but left there at the age of six years, when he removed to Carlinville, Ill., where he attended the common schools and Blackburn University. In 1865 removed to St. Louis and attended the High School. He was married at an early age to Miss Isabella Rutherford, whose grandmother was a first cousin to Sir Walter Scott. To this union were born two sons, one of whom lost his life in an attempt to rescue a drowning companion. Mr. Mott has for many years been prominent in St. Louis as a real estate and financial agent, and has taken great interest and an active part in politics. He is an adherent of the Republican party, and was for eight years Secretary and member of the State Committee. He was a member of the Legislature for the years 1879-80, also for 1881-82, at which time he fought through the Street Railway Bill, and built the road from Carondelet to Sixth street. For these services he was specially banquetted at Cherokee Garden with a number of his colleagues. He was Water Rates Commissioner for St. Louis from 1883 to 1887; was a member of the National Convention in 1884 which nominated Hon. Jas. G. Blaine. In 1895 and 1897 he served in the State Senate, vice James McGinnis, deceased, and succeeded in

passing many important measures. During this time he introduced fourteen bills, ten of which became laws. He was put on the Committee on Appropriations, also on Insurance, and three Conference Committees by a Democratic Governor. In the present Senate he has served ably on the Appropriations Committee, the Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions, on Public Health, on Printing, and on two Conference Committees. He has introduced and passed the bill known as the St. Louis Primary Law, also the Bill on Charities and Corrections, and a concurrent resolution to enable the City of St. Louis to increase her indebtedness ten million dollars for the purpose of restoring the hospital wrecked by last year's cyclone, and to complete the city building and make other improvements. Senator Mott stands high with his party, and at the same time commands the respect and enjoys the friendship of his political opponents. He is a most useful and capable public servant.



### *SENATOR DRUM.*

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**R**OBERT DRUM, of Marble Hill, Bollinger county, who represents the Twenty-first District, composed of the counties of Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Ripley and Wayne, is a native Missourian, born in Cape Girardeau country, April 11, 1845; educated in the common schools; served six months in the Eighth Regiment of the Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia in 1863; represented Bollinger county in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies; elected County Treasurer in 1888, and State Senator in 1892. Merchant; married.

*SENATOR MADISON.*

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ROBERT G. MADISON, of Festus, Jefferson county, who represents the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois and Perry, is a Democrat and a native of Missouri; born in Ste. Genevieve county, educated in the common schools and State University; was Sheriff and Collector of Ste. Genevieve county four years, and represented the county in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly; removed to Jefferson county, where he has served as Presiding Judge and Associate Justice of the County Court for the past ten years; was a member of the State Grange in Ste. Genevieve county, and President of the Jefferson county F. and L. U. four years; has been identified with all farmers' organizations, either officially or otherwise. Married.



### *SENATOR KLENE.*

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**B**ENJAMIN J. KLENE, of St. Louis, who represents the Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, was born July 4, 1858, at Sparta, Ill.; received his education partly at Sparta, and at St. Louis, being a graduate of the law department of the Washington University; was first lieutenant Co. "C," 9th Ill. Nat. Guard; served as City Clerk of his native town; came to Missouri to live in 1885; was elected State Senator in 1894. Married.





## *SENATOR BUSCHE.*

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**C**HARLES F. BUSCHE, who represents the Thirty-third District, of St. Louis City, in the State Senate, is a Republican, and one of the leaders of that honorable body.

Senator Busche was born in Hanover, Germany, January 17, 1857. He came to America in 1860, landing at New Orleans; in 1864 came to Missouri, and has resided in St. Louis ever since. He was educated in the common schools of St. Louis, and at a commercial college.

In 1888 Mr. Busche was elected to the Senate, and in 1892 he was re-elected. He is a wholesale baker, and Vice-President of the Confectioner & Baker Publishing Co. He was married in 1880 to Miss Bertha Jansen.



## SENATOR MORTON.

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I N the Senate of Missouri there is no abler or more highly respected young man than John F. Morton, the subject of this sketch. He resides at Richmond, Ray county; he was born at New Orleans, but passed his childhood days and grew to manhood in the great old State whose people he is now serving in the capacity of a State Senator. He was educated in the schools of Richmond, Missouri, and afterward completed his educational training at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Senator Morton is a lawyer and has a brilliant future in his chosen profession. Up to this time he has escaped the snares of Cupid, but it is not the purpose of this biographer to give bond for his continuance in this condition for any great length of time. Senator Morton was a member of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, and was Speaker pro tem of the Thirty-fifth. In 1894 he was elected to the honorable body of which he is now a member. Senator Morton is an uncompromising Democrat and takes an active part in the Senate discussions, and is always listened to with the greatest respect. His friends hope to see him in Congress at no very distant day, and this wish has an extensive probability of becoming true. He is young, able and ambitious, and has a future that promises to be brilliant and successful.



## SENATOR MILLER.

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**E**LIJAH MILLER, who represents the First Senatorial District in the Upper House of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, is one of the most experienced, safe and competent legislators in that able body. He was born in Buchanan county, Missouri, May 7, 1839, and grew up in that county and in the neighboring county of Worth. His residence has been for many years at Denver, Worth county, where he has a successful practice as a lawyer. He is a thorough Democrat in politics. Has served his people as Constable, Justice of the Peace, County Assessor and two terms in the Legislature, one of which was the revising session of 1889. In the House he won distinction for his careful and able services on the Committees on Accounts, Clerical Force and Criminal Jurisprudence, and made such a good record generally that his people concluded he was good enough to send to the Senate. During the

Civil War he served three years in the Union army, Company E, Fifth Infantry, California Volunteers. Mr. Miller is married, his wife being Miss Elizabeth Bridges, of Worth county, and to this union have been born six children, four of whom are living. Mr. Miller represents some of the best and most important counties in North Missouri and does it so faithfully and well that each and every citizen of those counties ought to feel proud of him. He consumes very little time in debating for the sake of show, but gets right down to business with an earnestness and judgment which insures the best results in legislation. And he commands the esteem, confidence and friendship of men of all parties.



## SENATOR GRAY.

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ONE of the shrewdest and ablest Republicans that ever sat in the Senate of this State is the subject of this sketch, the wiry little Howard Gray, from Jasper county. Senator Gray was born June 5, 1862, in Delaware county, Iowa, and came to Missouri in 1870. He was educated at the Fort Scott Normal school and is a man of the highest polish and educational attainment—not that his educational advantages were the best the country affords, yet his natural inborn shrewdness and quickness gives him great superiority. Senator Gray is a lawyer by profession and has an extensive and lucrative practice in Jasper county. He takes a leading hand in all legislation which comes before the Senate and though he is a Republican he

is broad and liberal minded and is much admired by his associates irrespective of party, and it is his inherent quickness and wit that makes him a worthy foe and often raises a good round of hearty applause at the expense of some Senator with whom he happens to be contending. Senator Gray is a gentleman of that broad guage whom Democrats admire as well as Republicans. He is a married man.



## REV. GIVEN.

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THERE are few men in the State more amiable or gentlemanly than Rev. John C. Given, the Chaplain of the State Senate. He is a resident of Jefferson City, and was born fifty-one years ago in Bath county, Virginia. He passed the greater part of his boyhood days and grew into manhood in Virginia and Illinois; he was educated in the public schools mostly; however, attended several private schools. His vocation in life is to plead with sinful humanity and to implore it from its way of error. He is a minister of the M. E. Church, South; he became converted in 1866 and entered the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1876. Rev. Given has been married twice; first to Miss Mary A. Rider, of his native State, and after-


ward to Mrs. Sevilla Corkran. He is the father of two bright children. Rev. Given's popularity is due principally to his charming personality; he has the mixing qualities of a veteran politician, and it is to this fact that he owes his election as Chaplain. However, no minister in Missouri could invoke Heaven's blessings upon the august State Senate in a more reverential manner than Rev. John C. Given.





## *SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.*

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A black and white portrait of John W. Farris, a man with a full, dark beard and mustache, wearing round-rimmed spectacles and a dark suit with a white shirt and dark tie. The portrait is set within a circular, slightly faded frame.

JOHN W. FARRIS, Speaker of the House and member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly from Laclede county, is one of the best known men in the State. He took the initiative step in organizing the silver forces of Missouri last year and immediately sprang into prominence as an able and efficient organizer and trusted leader. When the Legislature convened it was evident that Mr. Farris was still the idol of Missouri Democracy; he was elected Speaker of the House with scarcely any opposition.

He presided with ability, tact and discretion unexcelled by any other man who ever filled the chair of Presiding Officer of the House; his rulings were always fair and satisfactory, while the manner in which he expedited

business excited the admiration of even his political opponents; he was born January 20, 1846, in Marion county, Illinois, and educated in the public schools of his native State; located in Laclede county, Mo., in 1867, and has been repeatedly honored by the people of that county; was elected County Assessor of Laclede county in 1870; Circuit Clerk in 1874; Prosecuting Attorney in 1890; in 1882 was elected to the State Senate where he received his first Legislative experience, which has served him to such good purpose in the House. He is one of Lebanon's leading attorneys and is devoted to his profession; was married to Miss Belle Brodsbard, Lebanon, Missouri, November 26, 1878.

Mr. Farris is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor of Missouri in 1900. His spotless reputation, coupled with his trustworthiness and ability would make him one of the strongest Executive officers that ever graced the highest office of Missouri.

*GEORGE T. LEE, SPEAKER PRO TEM.*

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FEW men in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly have more to do with shaping the political policy of its Democratic members than George T. Lee, the Representative from Carter county. Mr. Lee was born fifty-three years ago in Jefferson county, Missouri, and went through the ordinary rudiments of the common schools and afterward completed his education in Arcadia College in Iron county, this State. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna Leeper, the daughter of Col. W. T. Leeper, of Mill Springs, Wayne county, Mo., and four children blessed their union—three girls and one boy; death, however, claimed the boy and one of the girls, thus leaving two who minister to the wants of father and mother and weave more pleasantness and sunshine into life. He represented Wayne county

in the Legislature of this State in 1882 and 1886 and Carter county in 1890 and 1896. His long service has given him a career of legislative experience that is probably superior to that of any man who is serving in the present Assembly. Mr. Lee is a man of frank disposition and an unfearing and uncompromising friend of the people's interests. He is an apt debater and a measure which does not meet with his approval has a hard road to travel when it comes before the august members of the Thirty-ninth Assembly. Unlike many men of prestige and influence which means so much in a body of legislators, his help cannot be secured for any pet measure unless it meets with his approval in every particular. There is in all this broad State not one man who is a more unterrified Democrat than "Lee of Carter." In his own language, he is a "moss-back Democrat" of the old school—a man who has no patience with the superfluous air and red tape of the modern politician, which, after all, is little else than demagoguery. He is warm hearted, frank, and a man who wears the toga of leadership because his own imperial manhood character and ability entitle him to it.

## GEORGE T. COLLINS.

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NO man in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly plays a more important part in the Legislative proceedings than George T. Collins, the Representative from Scotland county. Mr. Collins was born in the above county, September 10, 1842, educated in its schools, and in fact has lived there the greater part of his life. By occupation he is a lawyer and farmer, in which profession and vocation he has been eminently successful. In all Missouri there isn't a better Democrat and a more thorough and courteous gentleman than the member from Scotland; and no man in the present Assembly enjoys a greater degree of admiration and respect from his fellow members than he. Having served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, he has had a long career of legislative experience that makes him an invaluable member. Mr. Collins was united in the bonds of

matrimony to Miss Catherine Gorin, of his native county, but has no children; he lives on his farm but keeps a law office in Memphis. In the Thirty-fifth General Assembly Mr. Collins was Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements; in this, the Thirty-ninth, he is Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Costs and Fees. During the temporary organization he was chosen and presided through that usually tumultuous caucus with much deliberation and ease; he is a man with a determined will, an excellent parliamentarian, and therefore makes a model presiding officer. He is at present Chairman of the Democratic House caucus. Mr. Collins does not make it a rule to speak upon every proposition which comes up, but when he does speak the members give him the closest attention. Personally, he is a courteous gentleman; politically, an honest fighter and an uncompromising Democrat. To no man belongs the crown of leadership more justly than to this man whom the citizens of Scotland county have seen fit to send to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



## CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

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CHARLES W. GREEN, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, is by birth an Ohioan, but a Missourian by adoption. His home is Brookfield, Linn county, where he is president and editor of The Brookfield Argus, which he established fourteen years ago.

Mr. Green takes much interest in politics, and never fails to be a delegate from his county to the Democratic State Conventions. He has, in addition to having been elected to the office of Chief Clerk of the Thirty-ninth Assembly, received other honors. He was a member of the Missouri World's Fair Commission, and afterward at Pertle Springs was elected a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. He was also a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Chicago. Mr. Green is probably the best known man in North Missouri. He is thirty-five years of age. His lamented wife, Nellie, who departed this life December 10, 1896, bore him one child, the beautiful Frances, now in her eighth year, and who is her father's hope and pride.

Chief Clerk Green is of a genial disposition, always loyal to his friends, and never knows defeat. As a newspaper man and versatile editorial writer he stands near the top of the ladder.





## THOMAS M. SPOFFORD.

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THOMAS M. SPOFFORD is, in every way, one of the leaders in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is, at the present time, a resident of Kansas City. He was born in Tennessee thirty-four years ago; however, in his boyhood days, he moved to New Orleans, La., and there grew to manhood. He was educated in the University High School of New Orleans, and afterward attended the Columbia College of New York City, from which great institution of learning he graduated in the law. In 1887 he left Louisiana and came to Kansas City, and there immediately became active and prominent in political and legal circles. In the recent election he was chosen by acclamation as the legislative candidate from the Fourth District, and, although it was carried for McKinley and the other Republicans on the ticket, Mr. Spofford came out victorious, thus attesting his popularity and political strength; he takes an active part in the House discussions, and being an able speaker, always takes care of himself. He is a Democrat of

the most pronounced type. His father was a member of the United States Senate, and thus he comes to his political inclinations through the natural avenues. As Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations he makes a highly competent man in that very responsible position. Mr. Spofford is a single man—why, we leave it to the gods to explain. He is a man of charming personality, and counts for his friends all who have been able to form his acquaintance. Since he has become firmly settled in Missouri politics, and formed the acquaintance of the men who make laws in Missouri, it is a settled fact that he can have a political future in this State if he so desires. An able speaker, a man of unquestioned ability and with a host of friends—no man with political ambitions could desire a happier prospect.

*COL. JOHN T. CRISP.*

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ONE of the most picturesque and interesting men that ever sat in the historic Hall of the House of Representatives in Missouri, is Col. John T. Crisp. He was born in Cass county, April 3, 1838; educated at Goshen's Academy, Pleasant Hill, the schools of Chapel Hill and the State University; served as Engrossing Clerk, Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the State Senate in 1859, 1860 and 1861, respectively, and has called Missouri his home all his life—he is a typical Missourian; not a specimen of the modern type, but one of those old time, big hearted, deep and wide souled men who were all great and whose every act and action was an emphasis on manhood and a rebuke to littleness. We could say much of Col. Crisp as to the different positions he has held, for he has been in politics all his life, but we prefer to talk of him as a man. Ordinary men are as plentiful in this world as the insects in a tropic clime; but truly great and brilliant men are lone milestones which only here and there loom up majestic in civilization's pathway.

Col. Crisp is an orator of the old school; again I say he is not that modern parody on oration which in aesthetic unnaturalness makes its superfluous plea, but when he speaks and you look upon his majestic form, pulsated by thoughts that come quick and fast, it is then that you say to yourself that the Bentons and Websters are not yet all extinct; he is not an ordinary man, he is brilliant. With a manner that is terrible in its power and rhetoric as beautiful as that of an Ingersoll, he sweeps all opposition before him; and as you look upon the old veteran a pique of sadness comes to you—instead of being in the General Assembly he should sit in the National House of Representatives or be fighting the battles of Democracy on the floor of the United States Senate—but the treachery of political demagogues and the dagger of political cut-throats have kept Col. Crisp from his just deserts and his true sphere. But when the battle of this life is over and he has gone to a haven where perfidy and dishonesty are unknown, even a wicked and insincere world cannot help saying that John T. Crisp was a great and brilliant man.

*WILLIAM J. McPHERSON.*

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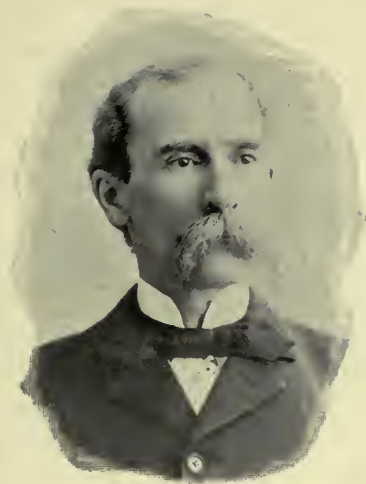


**W**ILLIAM J. McPHERSON, who is represented in this cut, is one of the men who helps fight the battles of the Republican minority in the present General Assembly. He is thirty-five years old and was born in the State of Indiana, and is a man who has spent his time in several of America's great States. He came to St. Louis in 1890 and has resided there ever since. He was educated at Howard Lake, Minnesota, and is a man of well-rounded, general information. He was married to Miss Pearletta Grimes, of Illinois, and is the father of two bright little daughters—Grace, aged 9, and Edith, 7. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican and is a man who takes an active and aggressive part in the House discussions. He represents the First St. Louis Legislative District and is a painter and decorator by trade. He introduced a bill into the present Assembly demanding that the State Board of Health examine all reformatory or insti-

tutions of a like nature, and is very warm in its advocacy. He also is the projector of a bill furnishing free text books to poor children, and a measure on compulsory education. All of these are meritorious measures, and have a fitting champion in the person of Mr. McPherson. He is recognized as one of the ablest and most aggressive men in the Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

## WALLACE J. DAVIS.

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WALLACE J. DAVIS represents Pike county—the old “State of Pike”—the ninth in order of organization, and the tenth in point of wealth and population in Imperial Missouri. He was born April 14, 1850, near Columbia, Boone county, Missouri, and was educated in the public schools and the printing office. He was editor and proprietor of the Columbia Sentinel from 1876 to 1884, of the Moberly Daily Headlight from 1884 to 1889; of the Fayette Banner from 1889 to 1893; since January 4, 1893, has been editor and proprietor of the Bowling Green Post. He served two years as City Clerk of Columbia, and three years as Justice of the Peace at Bowling Green. In politics, a Democrat; in religion, a Southern Methodist. In the Thirty-ninth General Assembly Mr. Davis served on the following Committees: Appropriations, Accounts, Municipal, Corporations, Clerical Force, Joint Committee on Printing, and was Chairman of a Special Committee to examine and report upon the Armory. He is modest in manner, but energetic and determined in the discharge of public duties. Though closely allied to the old Slave-holding Confederate Democracy of Missouri, he is liberal and progressive in spirit, and seldom alludes to partisan politics in

discussing public questions. His friends in the House are numerous, and of all political parties. He has gained some notoriety on account of his bill amending the law in regard to murder trials, permitting the jury to assess the punishment at death or life imprisonment. He has a literary turn of mind, and has written “The Land of Pike,” a companion poem to the old song of Joe Bowers; has also introduced a bill to erect a monument to Joe Bowers. Mr. Davis is seventh in direct descent from a Scotchman named Davis, who settled in New England nearly three hundred years ago. His father, Linnaus Davis, was first cousin to the famous Bishop Marvin. His mother, Nancy Weaver, was born at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was related to the Jordans of that State and Tennessee. May 27, 1880, Mr. Davis married Alice L. Ustick, of Dover, Lafayette county, Missouri, descendant of the Usticks of England. They have one son, Kenneth Forrest, born in Columbia, December 5, 1881. An only daughter, Mabel Claire, born March 24, 1885, a very sweet little girl, died at the age of one year.



## FRANK HENRY KOCH.

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FRANK HENRY KOCH represents the Fourth Legislative District of the city of St. Louis in the present House of Representatives. He resides at 1400 Cass Ave and was born and reared in the city whose fittest title is "Queen of the West." He was educated in the German Protestant Church school and is at present engaged in the retail wine and liquor business. He is a widower; was married to Miss Cora Rowberry of the city in which he resides, but death claimed her, leaving Mr. Koch alone with two daughters, who make life cheerful and pleasant for him.

In politics Mr. Koch is an ardent Republican and believes sincerely that the principles of that party mean the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of the whole people. He has never held any political office except the present one, yet in this capacity he serves in a thoroughly competent manner and is to all intents well qualified to represent his constituency in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.





## *JAMES E. VANDIVEER.*

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**J**AMES E. VANDIVEER is one of the old school true and tried Democrats. Forty-seven years ago he was born in Hickory county, Missouri, and up to this time has not seen fit to leave the grand old State of his birth. He was raised in the above county, Vernon and in Cedar, where he resides at the present time, and whose people he represents in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

Mr. Vandiveer was educated in the common public schools of the State, but by being a close and energetic student, has succeeded in providing himself with a vast store of general and practical information. In politics he is a Democrat of the truest blue, and not only votes the ticket but works for it like a Trojan. He has been Township Collector in his county, Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Collector—the latter two terms each. He was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie C. Still, of Johnson county, and has three children—two daughters and one son.

Mr. Vandiveer is Chairman of the Engrossing Committee of the House, and is, in every way, one of the most influential members in the present Assembly. He takes an active part in the House discussions and is respected and enjoys the good will of all his associates.

## HON. SAM M. PICKLER.

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KIRKSVILLE, the educational center of North Missouri, is the home of the subject of this brief sketch, who resides in a mansion-like dwelling in the south-west suburbs of that beautiful prairie city, with a happy family consisting of a wife, Mary M., and daughter, Ethel C. Pickler. Mr. Pickler owns and operates, under his personal direction, one of the largest mercantile establishments in Kirksville. He was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1846, and when he was six years of age, his parents moved to Iowa, spending several years in the Buckeye State, and a short time after the close of the Civil War moved to Kirksville, Missouri. In 1867 Prof. Joseph Baldwin opened a private Normal School and Mr. Pickler was among his first pupils. He improved every moment of time, making such rapid progress that not many terms had passed until he was chosen a member of the faculty. The private Normal was soon merged into the North Missouri State Normal School and Mr. Pickler continued to teach for two years, when he retired from the professional labors of an educator to engage in journalism. It was some time in the seventies when Mr. Pickler studied law and was admitted to the bar; he also became

the editor and proprietor of the Kirksville Journal, the Republican party organ of his county. This business venture soon began to bear bountiful fruit, and its popular editor was married to Miss Mary M. Bowen, a charming lady and former class-mate in the Normal School. Soon after his marriage he was elected to the General Assembly, when he began to distinguish himself as a shrewd politician and an able legislator. After his first term of office had expired, he refused further political honors and applied himself industriously to mercantile pursuits. But in all this period of business activity and success he retained a growing hold upon the confidence of the people of his county, and it was with some reluctance that he consented again to assume the duties and responsibilities of a Representative.

Mr. Pickler has four brothers, all of whom have distinguished themselves as men of more than average ability. The oldest, Hon. John A. Pickler, has served four terms in Congress from South Dakota.

Hon. Sam M. Pickler has, during the present session, been identified with numerous important measures. On the floor of the House he is the equal of any member in debate. At home he is a gentleman of enterprise, never too busy with his own affairs to devote his energies to matters of public interest. He has also held the offices of School Commissioner of Adair county, and Mayor of Kirksville.—*Jeff. City Courier, Feb. 26, '97.*

## THOMAS W. MARTIN.

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SOME men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some are born in Missouri. Thos. W. Martin was born in Missouri and is proud of the State of his nativity. He was born in Clay county, near Liberty, April 4, 1863. He moved with his parents to Southwest Missouri when he was but ten years of age. His parents were poor and could give him only a common school education. His father gave him his time at eighteen, and young Martin went out into the world determined to secure the advantages of a higher education. Where there is a will there is a way, and the subject of this wasn't slow in realizing the force of the old proverb. He took a select course in the State Normal at Warrensburg, Mo., and began the vocation of teaching at the early age of nineteen. The next eight years of his life were devoted to teaching and attending school alternately, and in reading law. He was a successful teacher and commanded the highest wages wherever he taught. In 1890 he was elected Circuit Clerk of Barton county and served four years. While in the Circuit Clerk's office he prepared himself for the profession of law and was admitted to the bar September 1, 1894. He ranks

among the best lawyers in Southwest Missouri. He married Miss Ruth Shopley, an accomplished Missouri girl. They have three interesting children. Mr. Martin has taken an interest in politics since he was eighteen years of age. He is a Democrat and his democracy is of the Kentucky stripe—bold, fearless and aggressive. He was placed at the head of the Democratic ticket in Barton county last fall and elected to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by a large majority. "Martin of Barton" was one of the most eloquent members of the House and was one of the few Representatives who commanded universal attention while on the floor. He spoke easily and always with fearlessness, and was ever ready to champion any measure that he deemed meritorious. Besides the active work done on the floor he was chairman of one of the most important committees of the House, namely, Criminal Jurisprudence.



### *SAMUEL F. O'FALLON.*

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**S**AMUEL F. O'FALLON, the subject of this sketch, is notably one of the leaders of the Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is thirty-nine years old and was born in Minnesota. He left his native State in 1870, and ever since has lived in Missouri, trying to aid Missourians in behalf of Missouri. He represents Holt county, and no man could more ably defend her interests than he; he is a lawyer by profession and practices at Oregon in the county from which he hails. He first served his time in the public schools and afterward graduated from the Northwest Missouri Normal, of Oregon. The present political position of Mr. O'Fallon is by no means his first official experience; he has at different times been Mayor of Oregon, Prosecuting Attorney of Holt county and Judge of its Probate Court, the latter for a term of eight years.

In 1885 Mr. O'Fallon was united in marriage to Miss Anderson, of the town in which he now lives; however, in 1890 the hand of death took from him his helpmate, and since then he has not remarried. Mr. O'Fallon is a member of the Criminal Jurisprudence and Election Committees, and is a valuable and influential member upon both. In the discussion of the State University endowment Mr. O'Fallon made a speech in its behalf over an hour in length, which was pronounced by all who heard it as the ablest argument made on the floor of the House. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican, fair and liberal minded upon all public questions. No man in the present Assembly enjoys a greater degree of respect and admiration from his fellow members than this eloquent young statesman from Holt. He is above the petty catering of party lines and does his duty as an honest conscience impels.





## *W. B. FROST.*

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NEWTON COUNTY is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by W. B. Frost, who is a Populist in his political faith. Mr. Frost is fifty years old and was born in Bedford county, Tennessee; from there he removed with his parents to Washington county, Arkansas, and there he passed the greater number of his boyhood days; he left Arkansas in 1868 and came to Newton county, where he has resided ever since. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Ramsey, who was a resident of Washington county, but a native of Tennessee. He is the father of three children, two living. Mr. Frost has followed the occupation of a farmer, and his efforts have been attended with fair success.

A great deal of credit is due to this man—not born in the lap of luxury, with everything at his command that idle whim or caprice might wish for, but he was forced to struggle with the same trials and adversity which confront so many young Americans, but which after all are the things which create iron and sinew. He followed the flag of General Lee during the civil war and was an ardent sympathizer in the Southern soldier's cause. The only other office Mr. Frost has ever held besides the present one was that of School Director. He has the usual characteristic of a Populist, viz.: to get right down to the bottom of every question which comes up for his attention and consideration. He is a man capable of discharging the duties of his position.



*FORD M. DYER.*

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FORD M. DYER, the "giant from DeKalb county," made a record in the Lower House of the Assembly that will bear the closest scrutiny of his constituents. He was born in the erudite East in the State of Massachusetts, April 28, 1865; came with his parents to Missouri in his infancy and grew up on the farm. Attended the district school winters and hardened his muscles at hard manual work during the summers. After working on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, he entered Kidder's Institute and enjoyed its educational facilities four terms; taught in the public schools thirty-one months, Cameron High School one year, and had charge of the King City public schools four years.

Besides Mr. Dyer's farm and school work, he worked on the railroad as section hand, and was wood and steel bridge constructor for several months.

During the last campaign he rendered valuable service to the Democratic party by organizing silver clubs in Davies, Mercer, DeKalb and

Harrison counties. He made sixty-six speeches in the Third Congressional District last fall, and led his party to victory in his own county. He received a majority of 50 votes over his Republican opponent. As chairman on the Committee on Education Mr. Dyer rendered the educational interests of the State invaluable service. He was tireless in his efforts to increase the educational facilities of the State, and no man on the floor of the House fought harder against trusts and monopolies and the money power in general. He is a man of much natural ability and force of character. He figured prominently in all the debates of the House, and especially in those on education and labor. DeKalb county has reason to be proud of her Representative. Mr. Dyer introduced House bill No. 42, to prevent lobbying, and also a bill against trusts.



## ROBERT C. VANDERHOEF.

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THE subject of this short biographical sketch is Robert Clinton Vanderhoef, the young Populist statesman who represents Nodaway county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is a typical young Missourian ; was born twenty-eight years ago and grew to manhood in the county for which he is now making laws in the Legislature ; by profession is a school teacher and was educated in Maryville Seminary and the Stanberry Normal.

Mr. Vanderhoef was united in the bonds of wedlock to pretty Maggie J. Layton of Decatur, Illinois.

Politically speaking Mr. Vanderhoef is a Populist ; however, in his own language, he is not one of the middle-of-the-road kind. Being a pedagogue by profession, he is a warm friend of all educational institutions, and his votes upon all propositions during this session upon these questions have been in the affirmative.

Mr. Vanderhoef has made friends of all his fellow members who have been thrown in contact with him ; he is a young man of much ability and promise, is liberal in his views upon all questions, and is a man who is not afraid to state his position upon a matter of legislation. He is a man thoroughly competent to take care of himself in the tumult of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

## WILLIAM J. WARD.

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**A**MONG those distinguished few who mold the political policy and sentiment of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, none rank higher than William J. Ward, the Democratic Representative of Stoddard county. He is one of the readiest and most aggressive debaters on the floor of the House, and when he calls for recognition upon a question he is listened to with the greatest attention and respect. Having served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies previous to the present one, he is naturally a very able general in the political wrangles which are constantly coming before the House, and thus from a parliamentary standpoint has quite an advantage over those who are less experienced in such affairs. Mr. Ward is a farmer, and was raised in White county, Tennessee, having resided in this State only eleven years. He was educated in the public schools of Tennessee, and married Miss Laura R. Roberts of his native State and county. Three children blessed their happy union, two of which survive—both bright little girls. Mr. Ward enjoys the distinction of being Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, one of the highest marks of honor

that can be bestowed upon a member, and was one of the fifteen members of the Special Committee on Location and Relocation of the State University, appointed by the extra session of the Thirty-sixth Assembly. In the Thirty-seventh General Assembly he was Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and has on three different occasions been a delegate to State Democratic conventions; has been a member of the M. E. Church (South) since 1869; was six times a delegate to the St. Louis Conference. Mr. Ward has in the past been very active in farmers' organizations, especially the Farmers' Alliance. While he is an unusually able debater and an excellent parliamentarian, he is yet fair and honest in his methods. In short, he is a gentleman and a safe guardian of the people's rights. His impress as an able legislator and a thorough gentleman will remain upon the men of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly as long as a thought of its labors and accomplishments is retained.

## Z. T. REYNOLDS.

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Z. T. REYNOLDS, the Representative from Stone county, was born near Boonville, Owsley county, Ky., forty-two years ago. He received his early education in the public schools of the community; commenced teaching school at the age of twenty, teaching two schools in Kentucky. In 1875 he located in Arkansas and took a course in the Huntsville High School, dividing his time between teaching and farming. Powell Clayton, the well-known Arkansas politician, once said that any man could be a Republican in Iowa, but it took a man of true grit to be a Republican in Arkansas. Mr. Reynolds was a Republican in Arkansas and made the race on that ticket for Sheriff of Madison county, Arkansas, and came within a very few votes of being elected over a strong Democratic vote. Mr. Reynolds located in Stone county, Missouri, in 1888, and has devoted his time to selling general merchandise and buying cotton, farming, teaching, etc. He has always taken an active part in politics and was placed at the

head of the Republican county ticket last fall and elected by a majority of 269 votes over the fusion ticket; was married in 1880 to Miss C. F. Williams, of Madison county, Arkansas. Mr. Reynolds is a pleasant, genial fellow and has made many warm friends among his fellow legislators of all political faiths, and was a valuable member of the Committee on University, Normal Schools and Constitutional Amendments.



## JESSE H. TAYLOR.

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JESSE H. TAYLOR is the Representative in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly of Missouri from Harrison county. He is fifty-three years old and was born in Fulton county, Indiana, and educated in the common schools of that place. He came to this State twenty-nine years ago, and is content to cast his fortunes with the State and people for which he is now engaged in making laws. He was married to Miss Juliette A. Busick of his native State, and is the father of nine children, eight of whom are living; six of the children are active members of the Christian Church. By occupation Mr. Taylor is a farmer and merchant, which business he follows at his home in Martinsville, Harrison county. In politics he is a firm Republican, and is trying to assist the Republican minority in keeping from being entirely submerged by the vast Democratic majority. He has served in various official capacities—Justice of the Peace, Postmaster and Mayor of the city. He is a conscientious member of the Christian Church; served during the war

in Co. B, Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; is a member of the George W. Tyler Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He has made the most of his limited opportunities, and by hard struggles with adversity has amassed a snug little competency, which will keep him easily, when age compels him to cease the energy and efforts of active manhood. He takes a keen interest in legislative affairs, and is a strong member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



*J. H. DORSETT.*

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CASS COUNTY is represented in the present Assembly by J. H. Dorsett, one of the most uncompromising Bryan Democrats that tread the soil of Missouri. He is a typical farmer in appearance, but the lobbyist who thinks he is "a good thing" because there is hayseed in his hair will find that he is dealing with a cold-hearted character when he strikes the horny-fisted statesman from Cass for a "deal." Mr. Dorsett is easily one of the leaders of the present House, and deservedly so, from the fact that he is well posted in politics, is an able speaker, and a man of much natural ability. He was born in Morgan county, Indiana, fifty-three years ago, and educated in the public and normal schools of his native State. He is a farmer, teacher and auctioneer, and is very popular in his county, this, however, being his first service in an official capacity. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Duncan, and seven children blessed their union.

Mr. Dorsett is one of the most tireless workers in the present Assembly, and is recognized as one of its ablest men. They have dubbed him "The Watch Dog of Missouri's Treasury," and a very appropriate title it is. Mr. Dorsett is courteous in manner, and has made a friend of all who have learned to know him.

Cass county has made no mistake in sending to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly the horny-handed, bewhiskered Jerry Dorsett.

*JOSEPH MORTON McKIM.*

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JOSEPH MORTON McKIM, a resident of Newark, Knox county, Missouri, was born in Millersburg, Bourbon county, Ky., March 13, 1836.

When three years of age he removed with his parents to Lewis county, Missouri, where he resided on a farm, attending the public schools of the county until fourteen years of age, when he entered the primary department of the State University at Columbia, Mo. Remaining there until the completion of the art course, he became an alumnus in that institution with the class of 1855. Immediately thereafter he took up the study of medicine, attended the St. Louis College and graduated March 2, 1858. In April of that year he located in Winchester, Clark county, Mo., for the practice of medicine, where he lived until January, 1861, when he removed to his present place of residence in Knox county, Mo. During his stay in Winchester he married, on Oct. 14, 1858, Miss Natilia J. Rose, daughter of Dr. W. A. Rose of that place. They have reared six children, four sons and two daughters, the youngest of whom is nearly grown. In politics the Doctor is a

Democrat, but having been actively engaged in the practice of his profession has never held office, save as a member of the Board of Regents of the First District Normal School, at Kirksville, Mo. This position he held for 18 consecutive years, beginning January, 1872. At the general election of 1896 he was commissioned by a majority vote of Knox county as its duly accredited Representative in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly of Missouri. No one had more friends among the members of the House than Dr. McKim. His pleasant manner and genial good nature attracted to him many friends, while his devotion to duty made him a trusted and useful member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



## *JESSE L. HENDRICKSON,*

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**T**HIS is a likeness of Jesse L. Hendrickson, who represents Dallas county in the present General Assembly. Mr. Hendrickson resides at Buffalo, and was born January 21, 1859. He has passed the greater portion of his life in the county which he now represents. Was educated first in the public schools and afterward attended the Warrensburg Normal and the Southwest Baptist College. He is a farmer and is thoroughly awake to all legislation affecting the farming classes in general.

Mr. Hendrickson was united in marriage to Miss Alice R. Tinsley, of Buffalo, Mo., and is the father of four children, two of which are dead. He is a Populist in politics and believes firmly in the party of long whiskered

men. The present office is not the first public capacity in which he has served. In 1887 he was elected County School Commissioner of Dallas county; in 1888 he became the nominee of the Democratic party for Representative, but was defeated. This time, however, he again became the nominee of the united forces for free silver, and he was elected. He is a man of retired disposition and has no ambition to pose as a House orator, but he is nevertheless a man who calmly investigates legislative matters and is in every way capable of representing a county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

JAMES M. McMONIGLE.

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ONE of the brightest young Democrats of the House is James M. McMonigle, Representative from Platte county. He was born December 1, 1866, in the county he had the honor of representing in the Lower House of the Assembly that has just passed into history.

Like the illustrious Lincoln he was born in a log cabin and fought the early battles of life with courage and perseverance. After leaving the public schools of his county he attended Park College and graduated with honors from that institution in 1893. The following winter he studied law in the office of Harkles & O'Grady, Kansas City, Missouri. He was chosen Principal of the Galena, Stone county, public schools in 1894, and Principal of Dewitt College, Platte county, Missouri, in 1895.

Mr. McMonigle is a young man of great promise. He is a good talker and a ready debater, and has made his influence felt time after time on the floor. He is a legislator who merits the confidence of his constituents. The

fact that he is of Scotch-Irish descent accounts for his ability and unswerving devotion to duty. In the discussion of measures that pertained to the masses it was easy to place McMonigle. His life had been spent with the common people and he was their bold and fearless champion. *Per augusta ad nobilitatem* is the guarding motto of his life, that has wrung victory from defeat and success from failure.

Mr. McMonigle was a member of the Committees on Education and University, and rendered valuable service for the Committee on Education in the council chamber of these committees. He was one of the many able leaders of the Democratic party in the House.

## JOHN F. TANDY.

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JOHN F. TANDY, the Representative from McDonald county, was born in Carroll county, Kentucky, fifty-eight years ago. In 1850 he came to Missouri with his parents, and received the greater part of his education in the public schools of the State. He followed the healthful pursuit of farming in St. Clair county. He was honored by the voters of St. Clair county repeatedly. Judge Tandy served as Associate Judge of the County Court for a number of years, and was elected Presiding Judge of the County Court in 1887, and served four years in that capacity. Judge Tandy was incarcerated in the Cole county jail for seven months for refusing, as Judge of the County Court, to make a levy to pay an illegal railroad debt. He was married twice; his first wife was Miss M. H. Townsend, a Missouri girl, and his second wife was Miss Susan M. Moore, of Callaway county. He moved to McDonald county in 1893, and now lives near Tiff City on a farm. The Judge took an active part in politics and was considered the leader of the silver forces in his county; he is a Democrat and Populist, and not ashamed of his politics. The Democratic party in McDonald county and the Populist party are one and inseparable, and Judge Tandy was placed upon the Democratic ticket and was elected by a handsome majority. He made but few speeches in the House, but always talked to the point when he secured the floor. Judge Tandy was a safe Representative and was conscientious in the discharge of his duties.





*J. D. ELLIS.*

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THE following sketch is a short pedigree of one of the sturdiest and best rock-ribbed Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, J. D. Ellis. He is a typical Missourian, is fifty-two years old and was born in Montgomery county of this State, but passed the greater part of his life in Vernon county, which he represents in the present Assembly.

Mr. Ellis' first wife was Miss Mary J. Dean of Vernon; after her death he was united in marriage to Miss Willoughby, also of the above county. He is the father of six children, three boys and three girls.

Mr. Ellis has held office in his county for a number of years, being elected Constable of his Township in '78, in which capacity he served until '86; was School Director from 1873 until 1896. He served three years in the First Arkansas Infantry, Company "K," under Captain Abiel Stephens. Mr.

Ellis has seen many of the hardships of life, yet is a man of wonderfully well preserved physical strength. He has been a farmer all his life and is noted in his county as a breeder of thoroughbred Berkshire swine. Mr. Ellis takes an active part in all matters which come up before the Thirty-ninth Assembly, is thoroughly imbued with the interests of the farming classes and is not slow to raise his voice in protest when a measure is proposed, detrimental to their best interests. He is a strong man and an honor to Vernon county, which has seen fit to make him one of Missouri's legislators.



## GEORGE W. CHINN.

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THE subject of this brief biography is George W. Chinn, the Democratic Representative from Shelby county. He resides at Clarence and was born November 25, 1831, in Henry county, Kentucky, and that great State, the home of Joe Blackburn, seems to have left upon him the imprint of its high standard of manhood and honesty. Mr. Chinn was educated in the public schools of Shelby county, and while the advantages of a higher or college education were denied him, yet by being a close observer and student he has made much of the opportunities of life. He was one of those rugged men who followed the flag of Lee because an honest conscience marked that as his path of duty. He was a Lieutenant, and was wounded at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and surrendered at Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1865. When the cause and ambition of the South went down in defeat Mr. Chinn laid down his musket and submitted gracefully to the decree and mandate of the Northern sword—to fight for the people's interests as valiantly as he had fought against the triumph of "Honest Old Abe." He was the first Mayor of the

city of Clarence. In 1874 Mr. Chinn was married to Mrs. Virginia Huntsberry, of Virginia, and they have had two children each by former marriages—Lillie G. Tanner, who lives in Clarence; Ella M. Gilman, who resides on a farm in Shelby county; Varian S. Huntsberry, a farmer in Shelby county, and Lulu, the eldest, who is dead. Mr. Chinn is one of the strongest members of the present Assembly. He served in the session of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and therefore came to the present Legislature with an advance experience in the political devices and intrigues, an information which is so necessary to every legislator. He is a man of character, ability, a Democrat of the truest blue, and an honor and credit as the Representative of Shelby county.

## JOHN G. SLATE.

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**A**MONG the young Democratic Representatives of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly who will be remembered permanently after it has become a matter of history, is John G. Slate. Mr. Slate represents Maries county and is a lawyer and publisher by profession. He was the Prosecuting Attorney of his county in the years 1889-90, also 1893-94. He was born in 1860 and passed the greater portion of his boyhood days in Cole and Boone counties; was educated in the common schools of this State and afterward completed his education in Amity College at College Springs, Iowa. Mr. Slate has all that extra polish and grace, which is the outgrowth of a college training and which specially fits him for a career of public life. He married Miss Mattie Beard, of Cape Girardeau, and is the father of a bright little girl, who is four years old. Mr. Slate has received much prominence throughout the State from the fact that he is the father of the "Slate Revenue bill," a measure which has caused more heated debate than anything of a like nature which has come up before the present Assembly.

He is also author of the "Stock Yards bill," which brought about the establishment of the Joint Interstate Committee of Missouri, Illinois and Kansas. It is the prescribed duty of this committee to draft a uniform system of laws regulating the stock yards. "Jack Slate," as he is familiarly called, is one of the most popular men connected with the present Assembly. He is big hearted, jovial in nature and a gentleman in every sense of the word. Yet his qualities as a good fellow do not interfere with his usefulness as a legislator, for he is recognized as one of the very ablest young men in the House. He is Democratic to the core, and has a bright future in the ranks of the party with which he has chosen to cast his political fortunes.

## THOMAS J. FEASTER.

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CAMDEN COUNTY is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by Thomas J. Feaster, a prominent and emphatic Democrat of the Bryan variety. Mr. Feaster is a practicing physician, located at Climax Springs, in the county which he represents. He was born in Benton county thirty-six years ago and has resided in this State nearly all his life. He first availed himself of the advantages of the common public schools and afterward completed his education at Morrisville, Mo., and Louisville, Ky. Mr. Feaster conceived the ambition to become a physician early in his boyhood days, and it has been realized to the fullest extent from the fact that he now enjoys a lucrative practice in the county which he represents. Mr. Feaster was not born rich, but like many other boys who have defied adversity, he gradually worked his way up in his profession until he is now in comfortable circumstances. He was married to Miss Mamie Darnell, and

finds in her an excellent partner and helpmate. His popularity in his home county is attested by the fact that he was elected from a county which gave McKinley forty more votes than Bryan. He is Chairman of the Committee on Scientific and Benevolent Institutions. Mr. Feaster is a quiet man and is content to cast a maturely studied vote upon the matters which come before him.



## *JOHN F. MILLER.*

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JOHN F. MILLER is the sterling Democratic Representative from Webster county. He was born forty-seven years ago in Stark county, Ohio, and removed from there to the county which he now represents in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Mr. Miller was educated in Mt. Union College, Mt. Union, Ohio. He is a farmer by occupation and owns an excellent tract of 400 acres of land in Webster county, on which he has lived ever since he came to this State. He was united in marriage to Miss Amanda J. Hahn of Columbian county, of his native State, and is the father of seven children, six boys and one girl. Mr. Miller is by no means an amateur in politics. He represented his county in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly and in 1896 was elected to the Thirty-ninth. He was chairman of his County Central Democratic Committee from 1888 to 1890, and was a member

of his Congressional Committee from 1890 to 1892. Mr. Miller is a Democrat of the truest blue, and being a farmer he is thoroughly imbued with their interests in his legislative work. If all farmers took as much active interest in behalf of just laws, the industrial classes of this nation would not to-day be surrounded by class and trust legislation. He is Chairman of the Committee on Insurance and is in every way a man capable of representing the people who have sent him to the present General Assembly of Missouri.





## *JOHN MORRIS.*

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SULLIVAN county is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by John Morris, a good specimen of a modern Jeffersonian Democrat. He was born fifty years ago in Sullivan county and educated in its public schools; afterward completed his education in the Kirksville Normal. His present office is the only political position he has ever held, having carried his county by a majority of 91 over his Republican opponent; has always lived in this State and was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Muncy, of Sullivan county, and is the father of three children—Iva, aged 20; Charles M., 19, and Ray, 13; was a volunteer soldier in the Union army and served in Company "I," Forty-second Regiment of Missouri Volunteer Infantry. and was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., on March 22, 1865. Mr. Morris is a farmer, in which occupation he has made a fair success, conse-

quently he is ever on the alert for any legislation which concerns the man who makes his living by tilling the soil. He believes it the duty of every legislator to save every dollar possible for the tax-payers of his State, and it is this economical principle that guides all his votes in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He will not in any way misrepresent Sullivan county.

## ORVILLE MARION BARNETT.

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ORVILLE MARION BARNETT is a bright and able young Democrat who represents Pettis county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Mr. Barnett, who is only twenty-six years old, was born in Knox county in this State, and received his education in Missouri's great school of classic and scientific learning, the State University. He is a lawyer by profession and few young men in the State have a brighter prospect in the unknown future than this young attorney and statesman from Pettis. He is of an ambitious temperament and has had all the natural advantages that any young man could desire. He comes from a county which is strongly Republican, and defeated Mr. Bothwell, the shrewd and trusted right hand lieutenant of Chauncey Ives Filley. Mr. Barnett was united in bonds of wedlock to Miss Maud Smith, of Edina, and together they make a very attractive and happy young couple—surely no young man in Missouri could wish for brighter

prospects; unhampered by the poverty which hinders so many ambitious young men in this land, educated and polished in a manner that enables him to move in any social circle, possessed of a fine intellect and a host of admiring friends, certainly the future's horizon is behung with no dark clouds for Orville Marion Barnett. He is Chairman of the Committee on Elections and is the second member on the Judiciary Committee. He is an excellent debater, being possessed of a fine flow of language and the habit of speaking tersely to the matter under consideration. He is beyond question one of the foremost leaders among the young men of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. No man knows the future—it is one vast impenetrable shroud; yet so far as our understanding of the present goes, the young statesman from the city which was ambitious to become Missouri's capital has prospects which will some day reveal themselves in great and noble achievements.

*SAMUEL T. AYDELOTT.*

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THERE are some men connected with the Thirty-ninth General Assembly who are hard hearted and mean enough to call Sam Aydelott the "ugliest man in the House." However, if he be deficient in personal beauty he more than counterbalances that failing in brains and common sense. He is a Republican and represented Warren county in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies, being again elected to the same responsible position in this, the Thirty-ninth Assembly. He resides in Warrenton, was born and raised in Warren county and educated in its public schools. Being dissatisfied, however, with a mere ordinary education such as is afforded in the rudimentary common schools, he afterward completed his course at McGee College in Macon county. He was born in the year 1855 and is therefore just in the prime of his activity and usefulness. He was married to Miss Belle Hass, of Montgomery county, and four children

assist them in making the burdens of life less troublesome. His father came to this State in 1838 from Delaware and married Miss Nancy Hairslip of St. Charles county. Mr. Aydelott is easily one of the leaders of the Republican minority—indeed there are those who consider him the ablest Republican in the House. He led the fight against the normal schools and contended for equal rights to all private schools of the State. He is a teacher by profession, and hence is well posted in educational matters. Having had a wide experience in the Legislature of this State he is an expert parliamentarian. In political tactics he is fair, in a political fight aggressive, yet broad minded—in short, a gentleman, and a man who is an honor to his people and his county, irrespective of politics.

*J. H. MASHBURN.*

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**A**MONG the Democratic Representatives of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly there are none abler than J. H. Mashburn, of Polk county.

In his own peculiar language, he is a "Jeffersonian, Jacksonian, Bentonian Democrat." He is an ardent advocate of bimetallism, and a great admirer of that imperial man and statesman, William J. Stone. It was Mr. Mashburn who persisted in nominating the ex-Governor for the United States Senate to succeed George G. Vest. He did it on his own accord and without consulting anyone—he did it because he thought it was his duty, and because he thought that if such a culmination were reached it would result for the good of the people of this great State. He has the candor and openness of a man who believes in his own convictions, is an eloquent and forceful speaker, and enjoys the profound respect of every member of the Assembly, irrespective of party affiliation. He was born in Kentucky in 1839, and has the jovial disposition and big-heartedness of the typical "Ken-

tucky Colonel." Notwithstanding that he is polished and has a wide range of information, he is, in every sense of the word, a self-educated man and owes his advancement entirely to his own struggles and efforts. He was married to Miss A. E. Tillery, of Polk county, and has four children. If all public servants and legislators were of the rugged, honest character of Mr. Mashburn, the people's interests would never suffer. When asked by a member of the Senatorial Caucus by whose authority he nominated W. J. Stone for the United States Senate, he replied instantly, "By the authority of the citizens of Polk county and the common people of Missouri." He is a courteous gentleman, a warm-hearted friend, and an honor to the county which lies amid Missouri's Ozarks.

*DR. CORD BOHLING.*

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**D**R. CORD BOHLING represents Morgan county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides at Pymont; was born thirty-four years ago and has passed the greater portion of his life in the county which he now represents. He first completed the common school courses and afterward added the polishing touch to his education by attending the Central Wesleyan College. After this he attended the medical lectures of the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis and graduated from that institution in 1889. He then began the practice of medicine in his native county and has continued it ever since, with a satisfactory degree of success. Dr. Bohling is a staunch Democrat and a firm believer in the doctrines and principles of the Democratic party. Although he enjoys a lucrative practice as a physician in Morgan county, he has a natural love for politics and this caused him

to accept the nomination for Representative in his county. As a class, the physicians of Missouri are very active in political affairs, and Dr. Bohling is entitled to prominent recognition in their ranks. He does not take any aggressive part in the debates upon the floor of the House, but is content to cast an intelligent and well studied vote upon the propositions that come up before him. Dr. Bohling was married to Miss Anna Luetzen and a bright little boy cheers their union and makes their life more cheerful and monotony less monotonous.



*JAMES M. HOPKINS.*

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THIS cut is the likeness of jovial James M. Hopkins, the Democratic Representative from Atchison county. He is thirty-eight years old, born March 2, 1859, in the above county. He was educated in Tabor College, Fremont county, Iowa, and afterward entered the University of this State and completed the junior year in law. He was married to Miss Linda Sutherland, of Jones county, Iowa, and is the father of three bright children—two boys and one girl. He is the son of Hon. Nelson O. Hopkins, who represented Atchison county in the Legislature in 1857 and in 1882. He is a farmer by occupation, having turned his back upon the professional career which his education and early equipment made it possible for him to enter upon. He was elected to the present Assembly by a majority of 683 votes over his Republican opponent. It is the only public office he has ever

held. Mr. Hopkins is one of the best natured men connected with the present House. He gives a scrutinizing attention to all legislation, and no man comes nearer casting a correct vote on all questions than he. He is a well qualified legislator, and is, in every way, one of the strongest men in the Democratic majority.



## JOSEPH H. CHRISTY.

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MR. JOSEPH H. CHRISTY is the Representative from Lafayette county—one of the best counties in the State. He was born in 1839 in Lafayette county, where he was educated. When yet in his teens he made an overland trip to Salt Lake City, walking the entire distance, and driving an ox team belonging to a Government supply train.

When the rebellion broke out young Christy cast his fortunes with the South, and was wounded at the battle of Lexington, in the fall of 1861; he joined Shelby's Brigade in 1862, and after enduring the hardships of three years more of marching and fighting, surrendered at Shreveport, La., in 1865, and returned to his native county and entered upon farm life with renewed energy to make up for lost time. After years of successful farming he retired to Odessa, a pleasant and prosperous town of Lafayette county,

where he now resides. In 1866 he married Miss Marthena Stapp, of Greentown Valley. Four children were born to the union. Mr. Christy never sought official honors. He, however, consented to make the race for Representative last fall, and was elected to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by a majority of over 800 votes. He belongs to the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and is an Elder in the C. P. Church. Mr. Christy is one of the quiet members of the House, but no county can boast of a more careful or painstaking legislator than Lafayette county. Mr. Christy occupied a seat in the House surrounded by Republican members, all of whom admired the stanch old Democrat from Lafayette.



## *WILLIAM R. RUSSELL.*

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**W**ILLIAM R. RUSSELL, of Dade county, has the honor of being the first Democratic Representative sent from his county to make laws at Jefferson City, in a quarter of a century. He was born in the county he now represents forty-seven years ago ; educated in the public schools of Dade county, and began teaching before he reached his majority. He was Principal of the Lockwood public school two terms, and of the Everton public school one term.

Mr. Russell was elected County Treasurer of Dade county in 1874. He is a minister of the gospel, and at the time of his election to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly was filling the pulpit of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Everton. In 1873 he married Miss Ella V. Summers, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

William R. Russell has made Dade county a model Representative, and has been faithful in the discharge of his duties and tireless in his efforts in assisting his brother legislators in trying to make wholesome laws for the commonwealth. No member of the House paid closer attention to the workings of the Assembly than "Russell of Dade." His long experience along educational lines made him a valuable member of the Committee on University. He also rendered valuable service on the Committees on Labor and Benevolent and Scientific Institutions.

*PETER C. BREIT.*

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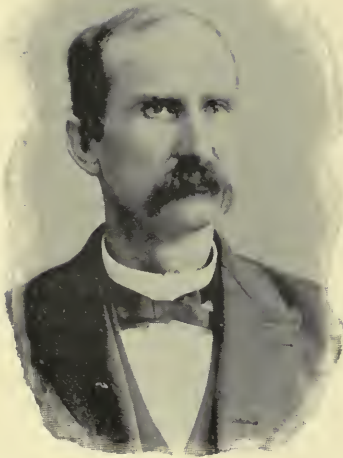


ANDREW county is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by Peter C. Breit, one of the ablest young Republicans in Missouri. He was born in the above county April 26, 1866, and has there passed the greater portion of his life; was educated in the public schools of his native county and afterward took the law course in the State University. Mr. Breit is located at Savannah, and enjoys a lucrative practice in legal affairs. It was in 1891-2 that he served for the first time in the capacity of a public servant, his people electing him Assessor of Andrew county. Afterward he was elected as Representative of his county to the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. He is shrewd and observing in his manners, and therefore makes but few of the mistakes and blunders into which young men are so apt to fall in their initiative venture in politics. He is a very active member in legislative affairs and spends much of his time in probing into the hundreds

of bills which accumulate during the work of every session. He is a ready debater and takes an active part in the House discussions. While he is an ardent Republican, he is nevertheless a man who takes the correct view of public men and matters in general. In his own language, "I am not in politics for what there is in it, as so many men say, but I am in it because I have an ambition to serve my people and to better, if I can, in my humble way, the condition of humanity." That such an elegant young man as Mr. Breit should be unmarried is certainly a matter of conjecture and surprise—it is, in fact, about the only serious fault that can be alleged against him.

## HARVEY E. NEVILLE.

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HARVEY E. NEVILLE is the Representative from Miller county and is one of the Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

He is forty-seven years old and was born in Kentucky, the land of statesmen, poker players and long whiskies. He came to this State when he was only one year old and has resided the greater portion of his time in Miller and Moniteau counties. He was educated in the common public schools and afterward attended the Warrensburg Normal, which equips him with a pretty good general education. He taught school for a period of ten years and then engaged in the lumber trade, which business he has followed with a fair amount of success. Mr. Neville has never held any public office until the present one; however, he is the vice-president of the Miller County Exchange Bank at Olean. He was married to Miss Ida Morris, of Pleasant Mount, Mo., but has no children.

Mr. Neville is a quiet man and seldom raises his voice in the discussions on the floor of the House, but he is nevertheless a painstaking and capable legislator, and a strong man as one of the Republican minority.



*JOSEPH C. O'DELL.*

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REYNOLDS COUNTY is represented in the present Assembly by J. C. O'Dell, an able and thoroughbred Democrat. He was born in the county which he now represents forty-six years ago, and has resided there the greater portion of his life. He was educated in the common public schools and has made the most of his opportunities, something which cannot be said for every man. He was married to Miss Parmelia I. Matkin of Webbs Creek, Reynolds county, and is the father of seven children, all of whom are living. Mr. O'Dell's father died when he himself was only two years old, thus leaving him to work out a livelihood with his mother as best he could. For a time the road of poverty was a hard one to travel—his mother hired him out for twenty-five cents a day, but finally he grew to manhood and adopted the carpenter's trade as a business, which vocation he followed for seven years. He then invested his earnings in land, and to-day owns five hundred and forty acres in his native county, three hundred of which are in cultivation, and from which he and his family succeed in making a very respectable living. Mr. O'Dell has been Judge of the Reynolds County Court for two terms and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies, being re-elected to the present one. At other times he has been employed on the Missouri Southern railroad. He is a sterling Democrat and an efficient and capable representative of his county. He made several pointed speeches on the floor of the House during the session of '97.

*J. PRICE TRIBBLE.*

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DUNKLIN county is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by J. Price Tribble, one of the most stalwart and uncompromising young Democrats in the State. His father was an ardent Confederate soldier, and a man who fought valiantly and courageously for the "Lost Cause." It is therefore but natural that his son, the present Representative from Dunklin county, should have in him some of that inherent fire and zeal which characterized the men who followed the defeated though glorious flag of Lee. Mr. Tribble takes a very active part in the House debates, and is always listened to with the greatest courtesy and respect. He was born in Oregon county, Missouri, reared on a farm and educated in his native county. The fact that, in his boyhood days, he followed the plow and swung the ax may account for his ruggedness in general, and his close vig-

ilance for the interests of men who make their living by tilling the soil. For a number of years he was Probate Clerk in his county, in which capacity he served with honesty and efficiency. Mr. Tribble is but thirty-four years old, was married to Miss Annie E. Blackwell, of Wayne county, and two bright little boys bless their union. He is a member of Pioneer Lodge, No. 165, I. O. O. F., also the Rebekah and Encampment Lodge of that Order, and of Kennett Lodge, No. 68, A. F. and A. M. Representing Dunklin county in the present Assembly may be said to be his first purely political venture. However, being strong physically, in thorough accord with the principles of his party, and being of an ambitious nature, he may at no distant day be successful in even a higher distinction in the ranks of his party.



*B. C. JONES.*

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**B**UTLER county is represented in the present House of Representatives by B. C. Jones, who resides at Poplar Bluff. Mr. Jones is rather a quiet man, but nevertheless a Democrat of the truest blue. He is a physician by profession. Mr. Jones was born in Graves county, Kentucky, sixty years ago, and lived in that State and Western Tennessee during the early part of his life, and came to Missouri in 1856. Mr. Jones is getting on "the shady side of life," but he is yet as active and energetic as many men who are much his junior in years. His first marriage was to Miss M. E. Parmore, of Bloomfield, Mo., and afterward to Miss Susie E. Dukes, of Poplar Bluff. He has two sons and an adopted daughter. His first official experience was that of Mayor of the city in which he resides from 1891 to 1893.

When the war broke out, and the Southern States severed their allegiance to the flag, Mr. Jones enlisted in their behalf, and was with the ragged though patriotic soldier of the South unto his defeat; he served as Captain in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry; is a firm and conscientious believer in the Christian religion, although not a member of any church. Mr. Jones is an economical legislator, and acts with the greatest care and discretion in all matters that come before the Assembly. He never takes any active part in the House wrangles, but rests his part with casting, as best he can, an intelligent vote. He is a good man and a safe Representative.



## JOHN W. SWEANEY.

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JOHN W. SWEANEY was born in Hancock county, Ill., November 29, 1862, and is now a resident of Red Ridge, Jackson county, Mo. He received his education in the public schools of Jackson county; took a business course in Spaulding's Commercial College, after which he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

For several years Mr. Sweaney was Postmaster at Red Ridge, Mo.; has always taken a lively interest in politics and has been identified with the People's party of Jackson county for the past few years. Mr. Sweaney was nominated by the Populists and Democrats of the Second district of Jackson county and was elected by a majority of 696 to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was rarely absent from his seat in the House during legisla-

tive hours, and was at all times conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He was a member of the following committees: Education, Roads and Highways, Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business. Also Chairman of the Committee on Fish and Game, a new committee created by the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

*GEORGE M. LONDON.*

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**G**EO. M. LONDON is the rock-ribbed silver Democrat who represents Madison county in the present Legislature. He was born and reared in the county which he represents and has lived among its hospitable people all his life. He is only thirty-three years old; was educated in the public schools in Madison county and afterward completed his course at Farmington College; was married to Miss Mary E. Whitmer in 1893 and is the father of a bright little girl, twelve months old. His business is that of a farmer and merchant, and during the life of the Farmers' Alliance was for a number of years its state organizer. He is at present a committeeman in the Twenty-fourth Congressional district. Mr. London is a man who is averse to the notoriety that is gained through constant appearance on the floor and does not take any very active part in the parliamentary wrangles and fiery

debates. He is, however, a man with the faculty of getting into the gist of a matter on short notice and is in every sense of the word one of the substantial and reliable members of the present Assembly. In all this State there is not a more firm believer in the principles of "Old Hickory" Jackson than George M. London. He is also a man of charming personality, jovial in nature and always ready with some happy phrase or greeting—he's all right.



## WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON.

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WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON is the Representative from Cooper county, one of the most historic and famed counties in the great commonwealth of Missouri; is forty-six years old and a man of rugged appearance and personality; was reared in Cooper county, educated in its public schools and married one of its many charming girls, and in short grew to be a manly man and a stalwart Democrat—all amid the uplifting and refining influences of the good people of his native county.

Mrs. Johnston's maiden name was Annie Rogers, daughter of Dr. Rogers, of Cooper county, and seven bright children bless the union.

Mr. Johnston ranks as one of the most reliable and cool-headed Democrats in the Lower House; he is of a calculating temperament and seems to weigh every proposition in his own mind before he renders his decision upon it. This is the first time that he has ever been a member of the Legislature,

his only other venture of a political nature being that of a Justice of the Peace of Prairie Home township in his native county; is Chairman of the Penitentiary Committee and also an influential member of the Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions. In religion he is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and one of the Elders of his congregation, New Salem.

Mr. Johnston seldom takes hand in the fiery, rough and ready debates of the House, yet he will ever be remembered as one of the most substantial and reliable members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

*JOHN ELBERT ORGAN.*

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DENT county is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by John Elbert Organ, one of the sturdiest old veteran Democrats that ever came to the State Capital. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on April 7th, 1838, and was educated in the public schools of that State and Indiana. He went from Ohio to Grant county, Indiana, in 1848; from that county removed to White county, in the same State, in 1849, and from thence, in 1858, came to Missouri. He was united in marriage to Miss Martha L. Burkett, of Phelps county, Mo., August 20th, 1867, and is the father of four children, all of whom are living. He is a newspaper publisher and farmer by occupation; was Surveyor of Phelps county from 1859 to 1861, and elected to the Legislature from Dent county in 1874, 1878, 1884 and 1896; was also Presidential Elector on the Democratic ticket in 1880. He was in the late unpleasantness as a Confederate soldier from beginning to end; entered the cavalry regiment of McBride's division, Missouri State Guard, April 7th, 1861; was prisoner of war, being captured at West Plains,

Mo., in March, 1862, and sent to Gratiot Street Prison, St. Louis; from there he was transported to Alton Ill., Military Prison in May, 1862; he was exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss., in September of the same year; he then joined Company E, Eighth Missouri Infantry, Confederate States Army, in Arkansas; he was in the battles of Prairie Grove, Little Rock and Jenkins Ferry, Ark., and Pleasant Hill, La., and several skirmishes; was Second Lieutenant of Cavalry and Orderly Sergeant of Infantry; surrendered at Shreveport, La., June 7th, 1865. He is one of the safest legislators in the present Assembly. and stands for economy in all things. His county is represented by a man who will guard its interests carefully and conscientiously in all legislative matters.

*WILLIAM R. HALE.*

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THE subjoined is a likeness of William R. Hale, one of the Populist Representatives in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Mr. Hale was born in this State on the 13th day of August, 1849, and has resided here all his life—he is therefore fully acquainted with the wants and needs of Missouri people. He was educated in the public schools, and by being an observing man in nature, has managed to inform himself pretty well on things in general. He is a farmer, and is alive to the interests and welfare of this class. Mr. Hale has always had political ideas of his own, yet this is the first political office he has ever held in his life. He believes firmly in the principles of the Populist party, but so far as his vote is concerned on legislative matters he is broad and liberal minded, and votes for what he considers the interest of the people, irrespective of party. He married Miss Susie A. Yowell, of Phelps county, and is the father of ten children,

seven boys and three girls. Though his sons are not yet old enough, he declares that they will all become adherents to his own political faith. Mr. Hale is a strong man and a safe legislator, and the people of Phelps county would do well to return him to the Legislature in the future.



## THOMAS W. HAWKINS.

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THIS is a likeness of one of Missouri's veteran Democrats, Judge Thomas W. Hawkins, who is the Representative in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly from Marion county. He was born sixty-seven years ago in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and grew into manhood in the State which gave to Missouri her imperial "Bill Stone" and other great statesmen. Judge Hawkins received his education in Transylvania University, and, being a great student and close observer, is today one of the best informed men in the State, and consequently is a very valuable man in the Assembly. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Newland, of Kentucky, and is the father of eight bright and industrious children. Judge Hawkins is an attorney by profession. He has also held a number of responsible public positions; served as Judge of the Probate Court of Hannibal, was elected Pre-

siding Judge of Marion county, was Mayor of the city of Hannibal in 1875, and Clerk of the Marion county Circuit Court from 1878 to 1895. Although Judge Hawkins is becoming somewhat aged, the hand of Time has not as yet stilled his energy or activity; he is still vigorous and can come nearer telling the substance of the bills introduced in the House than any man of his years in the Thirty-ninth Assembly. He has a charming personality, and every man connected with the body of which he is a member has a deep-grounded respect for him. The Judge is a sterling Democrat, an honorable and conscientious gentleman, and a credit to the county which sent him to the Missouri Legislature to represent her people and their interests.

LON B. WILLIAMS.

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ONE of the substantial young Democrats on the floor of the House in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly is Lon B. Williams, the Representative from Scott county. He hails from Arkansas, where he was born twenty-seven years ago. He comes of one of the oldest and foremost families of Kentucky. However, his days have been passed in three States, in his native State, Arkansas, in Kentucky and in the State in which he now resides. He was educated in the common schools and has improved his opportunities as best he could. He left Arkansas some fifteen years ago and went to Kentucky, the State of Colonels; from there he came to Missouri in 1881, and has resided here ever since. As yet he declares that he has made love to no womankind, therefore is in a state of single blessedness. He has taken an active interest in the affairs of the House ever since the session

began; he is a valuable member on the Committee on Agriculture and also on Retrenchment and Reform. He is the author of House bill No. 54, to regulate freight rates on watermelons and to compel companies to carry peddling cars on local trains; also a bill to increase the liabilities of stockholders of corporations. His position is emphatically against trusts and combines, and he has cast all his votes in this direction. He is a farmer, and therefore closely allied to their interests. He is one of the youngest members on the floor of the House, and frequently takes part in the discussions. His election is a compliment to him, and, as he is yet a young man with ambition and ability, will some day climb to a higher stage of fame.





## LEONIDAS B. WOODS.

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THE Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly has in it no abler young man than Leonidas B. Woods, of Mercer county. Mr. Woods was born and reared in the county which he now represents, and is twenty-eight years old. He received his education at Valparaiso, Ind., and has followed the vocation of a public school teacher quite actively, besides also being a farmer. He is a young man who has made success out of adversity, fortune out of the things that can mean such varied and peculiar destinies for a young man who braves the great sea of life with his own oars. Mr. Woods takes an active part in all the discussions which come before the House, is an excellent parliamentarian and enjoys the respect and confidence of all members, irrespective of party affiliation. He has made many friends among the Democrats, from the fact that his judgment and position upon a measure is not determined by the so-called party line. He gives it his conscientious consideration and then forms his decision accordingly. As a debater he has an exceptionally ready command of language,

and is a close reasoner and possesses a remarkable power of analysis. As yet Mr. Woods is not a married man, but if he hopes to remain in that condition long he will have to quit coming to the Missouri Legislature, for Jefferson City has a lot of charming girls whose womanly beauty and sweetness no young man can resist for any great length of time—even though he be a Republican. Mr. Woods, it can justly be said, is one of the most substantial men in the present Assembly and an honor to the minority.

*JOHN L. BITTINGER.*

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**M**AJ. JOHN L. BITTINGER, Representative from the First District of Buchanan county, and editor of the St. Joseph Herald, was born near Chambersburg, Pa., November 28, 1833. His parents subsequently removed to Rowsburg, a village at that time in Wayne, now Ashland county, Ohio, where he attended the village school for five years, but on the death of his father, when he was twelve years old, he secured employment with a farmer in the vicinity of his home. This farmer, in 1849, removed to Green county, Wisconsin, and took the lad with him. There for three years he worked on a farm, attending the country school in winter, until his knowledge outgrew the limited capacities of the teacher. In 1852 he entered the office of the Journal at Freeport, Illinois, to learn the art of printing. At the end of six months he had so far advanced that he was made foreman of the office, and during the remainder of his three years' term of apprenticeship made all the selections for the paper, collected and wrote the local news, and

assisted largely in the editorial work. In 1854 he was selected as a delegate to the Congressional Convention at Rockford, Illinois, which nominated for Congress for a second term Hon. Elihu B. Washburne, who had previously been elected as a Whig, but who, at this convention, was nominated as a Republican. This was the beginning of the organization of the Republican party in Illinois. In 1855 Mr. Bittinger went to St. Louis and accepted the position of assistant foreman of the Intelligencer, and in 1857 became foreman of the Democrat of that city, of which the late Gov. B. Gratz Brown was then editor. The following year he was chosen a delegate from the St. Louis Typographical Union to the National Typographical Union, which assembled that year in Chicago, and represented the Union at

JOHN L. BITTINGER.—Continued.

the convention the next year in Boston. He also, in that year, became publisher of the St. Louis Evening Bulletin. Early in 1860 he disposed of his interest in that paper, and in June removed to St. Joseph, where he has since resided. He took an active part in the presidential campaign of that year, and soon after the inauguration of President Lincoln, Mr. Bittinger, on the recommendation of Gen. Francis P. Blair, Jr., was appointed Postmaster of St. Joseph, then a most responsible position. The Civil War had just begun, and Mr. Bittinger was looked to by his party for all information and recommendations from his section of the State, and the utmost confidence was reposed in his judgment by the leaders of the party. In the summer of 1861 he left the management of postal affairs to his deputy and clerks, and volunteered for army service as a private, but after a few months he was commissioned Major and made Aid-de-Camp to Gen. Willard P. Hall, the Commander of the Department of Northwest Missouri. In 1862 he was a delegate to the first Republican State Convention held in Missouri, served as its secretary, and was made a member of the State Central Committee, and in the fall of that year was chosen a member of the Legislature, defeating Hon. Henry M. Vories, afterward Judge of the Supreme Court. He was made Speaker pro tem. of the House, and was regarded as one of the leaders on the floor. In 1862 he purchased a half interest in the St. Joseph Herald, and, becoming its managing editor, soon made the paper the most powerful and influential journal west of St. Louis. In 1864 he was renominated for Representative, but declined. Subsequently he was nominated for the Senate, but was forced to decline that honor because his paper needed all his attention. In 1870 Mr. Bittinger accepted the nomination for Representative, and was elected. He was elected in 1872 and 1874, when he again retired, and did not again accept the position of Representative until 1894, and was re-elected in 1896. Mr. Bittinger was a delegate to the National Republican Conventions of 1872 at Philadelphia, and of 1896 at St. Louis. Mr. Bittinger made the tour of Europe in 1886, and wrote a series of letters from the various countries visited, which he has often been urged to publish in a volume. His letters from Cuba in 1874 also attracted wide attention. Mr. Bittinger's long connection with the press of Missouri and his active participation in public affairs of the State have given him a wide acquaintance with leading men, and a commanding influence. In the House of Representatives he has proved himself a conservative, safe legislator. He speaks with a power that always commands attention, and has the respect of all parties.

*WILLIAM H. TRUITT, JR.*

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**A**MONG the young Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly there are none who are looked upon with more respect than Will H. Truitt, the Representative from Boone county. Mr. Truitt was born and reared in Callaway county, where, upon his father's farm, he learned the great lesson of what it means to work—that starting place and kindergarten of so many of America's illustrious and immortal men. Mr. Truitt is thirty-one years of age. He began his education in the common schools of the "Kingdom of Callaway," and afterward completed it in the State University. He was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Ellis, of Boone county, and has two bright little children—a boy and a girl. Being from Boone county, his position is somewhat important in the House of Representatives, from the fact that he is regarded as a sort of "guardian angel" of the State University. Mr. Truitt is a lawyer by profession, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice in Columbia, where he is located. He is one of the best known men on the floor of the House, from the fact that he has taken a very active part in all legislation from the very beginning of the session. He is polished in manner, jovial in disposition, and enjoys the good will and respect of all who know him. He is a ready debater, and his county has made no mistake in selecting him to represent her in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.





## JAMES BRADLEY.

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**A**UDRAIN COUNTY, the home of Sam B. Cook, the man who is responsible, more than any other, for the great triumph of Bryan and Democracy in Missouri, is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by that patriarchal and rock-ribbed old Democrat, James Bradley. Mr. Bradley was born in Randolph county, September 15, 1835 ; educated at McGee College, in Macon county, and has been content to cast his lot and fortune in this the greatest State in the Union—Missouri. Mr. Bradley was married to Miss M. E. Baker, of Randolph county, and five children cheer and comfort their approaching old age. Mr. Bradley's main vocation is that of a minister of the gospel, but he turns aside from his holy mission long enough, once in a while, to put in some good licks for the principles and doctrines for which the immortal Jefferson lived and died. Mr. Bradley does not take any very active part in the House wrangles and debates, but when he does talk he has the respect and close attention of the entire audience. He believes

in strict economy in public expenditures and has already gained a sort of a "watch dog" reputation. He weighs every proposition carefully and coolly before he renders his decision, and may justly be termed one of the best, most conservative and substantial members on the floor of the House. Mr. Bradley followed the flag of the great Lee in the late war, and has the openness and candor of those gallant men whose hair is whitened with age and worldly service, and who will all soon answer the call of that Greater Commander, Almighty God.

Rev. James Bradley, as he might very properly be styled, has literary ability of a high order, and is the author of that deservedly popular book, "The Confederate Mail Carrier."

In short, it may be truly said of the man whose likeness adorns this page, that he is an honor both to his holy calling and to the great county he represents in the Legislature.





## *VIRGIL A. O'BANNON.*

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**V**IRGIL A. O'BANNON is the long-moustached, rock-ribbed little Democrat who represents Wayne county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is forty-one years old, and was born in St. Francois county.

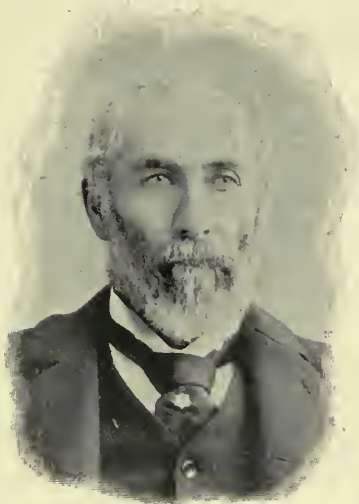
Mr. O'Bannon, in his youth, had but limited educational advantages, above what the common schools afforded, yet by industry and close application he has managed to provide himself with a general knowledge and practical understanding of things which fully qualifies him for the performance of the duties of his present position.

He was united in marriage to Miss Dotie Rhodes, and is the father of eight children. He has never held any official position except the present one as Representative. In politics he has always been an enthusiastic and outspoken Democrat.

By occupation Mr. O'Bannon is a lumberman, and also owns and operates a saw-mill in his home county, which is famous as a lumber center. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South). Mr. O'Bannon has the reputation of being the greatest "Previous Question mover" in the House. Personally he is a very amiable gentleman, and has a host of friends who admire his jovial disposition and general good fellowship.

## WILLIAM H. THOMAS.

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ONE of the sturdy Populists in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly is William H. Thomas, the Representative from Douglass county. Mr. Thomas is fifty-six years old and was born in Fayette county, Indiana ; left the State of his birth in early days, located in Illinois, and, thirteen years ago, came to Missouri and settled down in Douglass county ; was educated in the common schools of his native State, and has made the best out of the opportunities which fate has thrown in his pathway. In 1862 he volunteered in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, and served three years with distinction.

Mr. Thomas is a farmer and takes a keen interest in all legislation which tends to better the condition of the industrial classes. In politics he is distinctly a man of the Jerry Simpson faith, yet has a liberality of views on all questions, irrespective of party caste. He was married to Miss Cora Turner, of Fairmount, Ill., and eight children have been born to their union. Mr. Thomas is a man of considerable legislative experience, having been a member of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. He takes no part in the hot debates of the House, but keeps up a keen and observing interest in everything which comes before it.

The subject of this sketch is a man of the highest integrity, and performs his duty in a plain, unassuming and conscientious way. He is a man whom it is safe for any county to send to the Legislature of Missouri.



### *PRICHARD B. HOOD.*

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**P**RICHARD B. HOOD represents Barry county in this the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born at Cloverdale, Putnam county, Indiana, thirty years ago. However, at eight years of age, he left his native State and came to Missouri to sink or swim with her people.

His politics are Populistic, is liberal in his views and opinions ; and, as some of his friends describe him, is a genial, whole-souled fellow. He was educated in the Cassville High School, and later on attended the Springfield Normal ; he is finely equipped for the pursuit of his profession, that of a school teacher, which he follows more or less in the county he now repre-

sents in the Legislature. Mr. Hood never held any political office before, his present position being his first experience in public life.- He is, personally, very agreeable, and has taken an active interest in legislation ever since the session began, and often takes part in the House discussions.

He is the author of several bills of more or less importance. At present he is unmarried, and being non-committal on the subject, it is impossible to tell whether he has planned any schemes against any fair damsel or not. Mr. Hood, however, has many warm friends among the members of the House, and is, in every sense of the word, an able legislator.

## *SIMEON DAVIDSON.*

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THE people of Worth county have for their standard bearer in the present Missouri Legislature Simeon Davidson, a Democrat of the truest kind. Mr. Davidson was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, sixty-three years ago. He left Ohio in 1849 and went to Jay county, Indiana; in 1855 he went to Iowa, and from thence came to Missouri in 1865.

Mr. Davidson received his education principally in his native state, Ohio. His business is that of a farmer and stockraiser, and in this line he has been quite successful. He is ever ready to lend his vote to any measure which tends to relieve the farmer in any way from the distressing conditions which surround him. This is not his first political experience: he was elected County Collector of Worth county from 1877 to 1878, and in 1896 was elected to the position of Representative, the duty which he is now performing. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Beck, a native of Ohio, and is the father of

nine children. Mr. Davidson is an ardent Democrat in the most enthusiastic sense of the word, and is an able defender of the Chicago platform, upon which William J. Bryan stood, and upon which Gibraltar of political principles he was given over six million votes.

Simeon Davidson is a man who will keep a good guardianship over the interests of Worth county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

*DR. W. F. COLLIER.*

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**D**R. W. F. COLLIER is the Democrat who represents Shannon county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is a native and typical Missourian, and was born forty-four years ago. He has never left his native heath, but has been content to rest his destiny and fortunes with the people among whom he grew to manhood, and who have seen fit to elevate him to honorable and responsible positions a number of times. He was educated in the public schools, but being ambitious to become a physician he graduated himself in that profession and has practiced with success in Shannon county. He was married to Miss Lucy Stout, and is the father of three children.

In politics Dr. Collier has always been an enthusiastic and ardent Democrat, who thoroughly believes that the Chicago platform represents the best interests of the great American people, and that the peerless William J. Bryan, "the boy orator of the Platte," is the statesman and leader of the

times in American politics. Dr. Collier was a member of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies, and was elected to the same position in 1896. It is this extensive legislative experience that makes him an almost invaluable member in the présent Assembly.

Personally Dr. Collier is a quiet man and he has made many warm friends among those who enjoy his acquaintance. He is a careful and painstaking legislator and a man who can safely be entrusted with the interests of the people who have repeatedly honored him with public office.



## JOHN M. COX.

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JOHN M. COX represents Oregon county in the present Lower House of Missouri's Legislative Mill. He is thirty-nine years old and was born in Dent county. He was educated in the common public schools, and follows the honorable occupation of a farmer, at which he has been successful.

He was married to Lizzie B. Lemmons, of Texas county, and is the father of seven children.

Being a Bryan Democrat of the truest blue, and having a determination that the Republicans shall never gain an ascendancy in this State again, the gods answered his zeal and wish by presenting him and his good wife with two healthy little twin boys, who are four years old, and whom he will train up in the good old faith of democracy.

Mr. Cox has never held any public office before his present one, but he is still in his prime and has plenty of political fields to enter if he so desires. He is a firm friend of the public schools and is always interested in any legislation which tends to uplift them, and put them on a better footing.

Mr. Cox is very popular among the members from the fact of his jovial, good natured disposition. No one is fonder of a good joke or witticism than he, and the people of Oregon county have made no mistake by sending him to the Legislature.

*E. W. MARTIN.*

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**E.** W. MARTIN, of Auxvasse, who so ably represents Callaway county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, was born, reared and educated in the "Kingdom of Callaway," and is fifty-four years of age. He married Miss Sallie Craig, also of Callaway, and is the father of one child, a daughter. He is a typical Missouri farmer, whose horny hands show him to be a "tiller of the soil," one of "the hewers of wood and drawers of water," and while he has been a life-long Democrat and has always been one of the party leaders, he never sought or held office until called upon by his neighbors to represent them in the Legislature. It was not for his aggressive disposition or his brilliant oratory that he was chosen from among his fellows for this important office, but because of his rigid integrity and sterling worth as a man and a citizen—his constituents knowing that their interests would be carefully guarded by him. His ability and worth were at once recognized by the Speaker, who, besides making him Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Seat of Government, appointed him to positions on five other important Committees, viz: Federal Relations, State Libraries, Eleemos-

nary Institutions, Constitutional Amendments and Official Salaries and Fees. He is active and alert, carefully watching every measure affecting the interests of the people, and his vote is always recorded on the side of the masses. To use his own language he is "a State's rights Democrat," who has never yielded or surrendered that principle, and is ready at all times to defend the same. As a man he is a genial, companionable gentleman who has made a staunch friend of all whom he has come in contact with. Callaway, one of the banner Democratic counties in the grand old Commonwealth of Missouri, is justly proud of her Representative who so fearlessly and ably represents her in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Would that there were more Representatives of his sterling worth and unswerving fidelity.

## JAMES H. WHITECOTTON.

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THIS cut is the statesmanlike countenance of James H. Whitecotton the Representative of Monroe county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Mr. Whitecotton is forty-two years old and was born and raised in Ralls county in this State. He first attended the common public schools and, after serving his apprenticeship in them, he attended the Rensselaer Academy and the Kirksville Normal. Not content with this, he went to the State University, and pursued his education to a higher and more complete degree. Mr. Whitecotton is a lawyer by profession, and enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice at Paris, in his home county. As a pleader of criminal law there are few men of his age in the State who surpass him. He was united in marriage to Miss Zora A. Wilson, of Gentry county, and is the father of four bright children. Mr. Whitecotton's struggle in life is one that commands the highest admiration. After having provided himself with a fair education he begun to teach school, and out of these earnings saved enough to continue his studies and complete his law course in the State

University. His diploma was presented to him in 1886, in the presence of his wife and two children, by Dr. Laws. He was the Prosecuting Attorney of Monroe county from 1889 to '93, and proved a very efficient officer. He is a great-great-grandson of John Paulding, one of the three men who captured the famous Major Andre of revolutionary times; he has always been a pronounced and uncompromising Democrat, and no man stands higher in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly than this young statesman from Monroe. He has the reputation of being the most eloquent orator in the House, and to no man belongs this distinguished recognition more justly. He is the father of a number of important bills and has taken an active part in all legislation from the very beginning. Charming in personality, able and a brilliant orator, no man who has played a part in the drama at Missouri's capital this winter has a brighter future than this man who hails from the old banner Democratic county of Monroe. He was Chairman of the Stockyards Investigating Committee and Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Democratic caucus. He was a member of some of the most important committees of the House; was Chairman of the Committee on Rules, also on Joint Rules.

*WILLIAM M. DENSLOW.*

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THE subject of this sketch, William M. Denslow, is the Republican Representative from Grundy county. Mr. Denslow is located at Spickard in the county which he represents, and is editor of the Grundy County Gazette. He is a staunch Republican in politics and believes firmly in the principles enunciated in the platform of that party. He was born in Grundy county thirty-eight years ago, and is a man of much more than ordinary ability. Mr. Denslow was educated in the common schools of his county, and afterward attended the high school at Trenton. For more than ten years he taught in the public schools of his native county. He was married in 1880 to Miss Callie Schooler, and they are the parents of a bright little boy, Master Ray, eleven years old, who was a page in the House at the extra session of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly.

Mr. Denslow has held the office of Township Treasurer for ten years, and has been prominently connected in educational work, and for a number of years has been Secretary of the Board of Education of Spickard, Missouri. He has been prominent in politics in Grundy county and the Second Congressional District for several years, and is at present Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee of his district. He was a member of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly and was re-elected to the Thirty-ninth Assembly without opposition in his party or at the general election. In the present Assembly he is an active member of the Committees on Education, Internal Improvements and Printing, and he is in every way an honor to the minority party in the House of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.





## DAVID F. FITZGERALD.

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THIS is the genial likeness of one of the three giants in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides at Ford City and is the Representative from Gentry county. Mr. Fitzgerald was born forty-nine years ago in McMinn county, Tennessee, and spent his boyhood days in the land and birthplace of great statesmen. When but a few years old he came to Missouri, and has remained with its good people ever since. He married Miss Mary F. Patton, of Gentry county, twenty-one years ago, and is the father of eight children, five boys and three girls, seven of whom are living. In all the State there isn't a more ardent Democrat than Mr. Fitzgerald; he glories in the traditions and principles of his party and is ever ready to defend his political faith.

The present office is the first position of political importance that he has ever held, but there is not one man in the present Assembly who is more capable and qualified to sit in the seat of a legislator than the towering statesman from Gentry county. He is a man who reads a great deal, was educated in Grand River College and is in every particular a well informed man. He is president of the Farmers' Insurance Company of his county, is an Elder in the Round Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the recent Stock-yards Committee which went to Kansas City. He is fond of wit and raises many a wave of applause in the House by his sarcastic remarks. Everybody is his friend, for to know him is to admire him. Gentry county has honored herself by sending to the Thirty-ninth Assembly this tall sycamore, the thoroughbred Democrat and genial Fitzgerald.



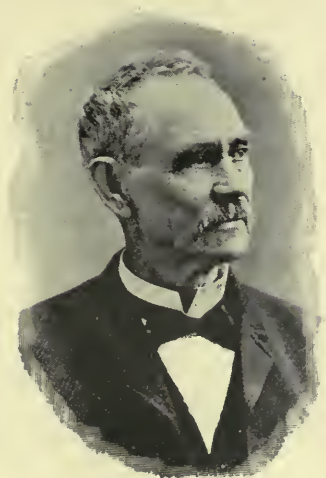


## *JAMES P. SHEWMAKER.*

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THE accompanying cut is a fair resemblance to James P. Shewmaker, the rock-ribbed Bryan Democrat from Buchanan county. Mr. Shewmaker was born fifty-four years ago in the county which he now represents in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and received his education in its public schools. He was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Rockhold, also a resident of the above county; he is the father of four children. This is the first political office which Mr. Shewmaker has ever held; he has, however, often represented his county in State and congressional conventions. In religion he is a Missionary Baptist. He is Chairman of the Committee on Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business, a member of the Committee on Municipal Corporations, and also the Committee on Agriculture. Mr.

Shewmaker has made a friend of every one who has enjoyed the good fortune to become acquainted with him. Mr. Shewmaker does not believe in consuming valuable time in wild, oratorical displays, but prefers to give a just attention to the bills before him, without delay or filibustering methods. He has always been an ardent silver man, and an enthusiastic supporter of the great dominant principles of his party. Buchanan county has not erred in sending him to the Legislature.



*COL. JOSEPH A. PINER.*

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COL. JOSEPH A. PINER, of St. Joseph, the subject of this sketch, is one of the safest and most trusted men in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born in Boone county, Kentucky, and came to this State in 1862, and has left his destiny in the hands of Missouri's hospitable people ever since. Col. Piner has been a very active man in business and in public affairs, but has now permanently retired from business. He was a boy in the good old days of long ago when conditions instilled into youth the quality of iron and sinew; he received his education in a little log cabin in Kentucky, and there learned the duty of manhood and received that industry which makes success of life. He is a widower and seems to be content with his lot, notwithstanding the doubts of womankind in this respect. Col. Piner was Sheriff of Campbell county, Kentucky, for two terms, and has also been Mayor of St. Joseph for four years. In politics there is no more sterling or uncompromising Democrat in the State; he is an enthusiastic advocate of free silver, and took a great interest in the recent presidential campaign. He is an amiable gentleman, and every member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly who knows him, treats him with a high regard. Considering his extensive experience he also makes an invaluable legislator.

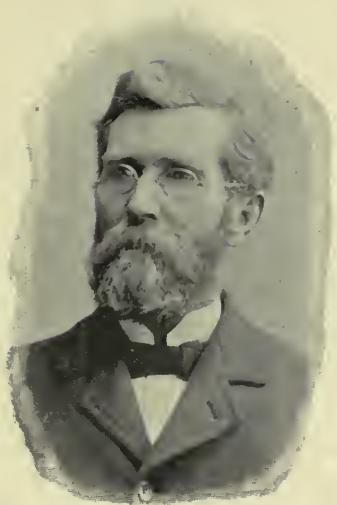
WINFIELD S. POPE.

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WINFIELD S. POPE was born in North Carolina, July 20, 1847, and was educated in Davidson Academy and North Carolina Military Academy of his native state. In 1866 he left North Carolina and came west to cast his lot and fortune with the people of the great commonwealth of Missouri; was married to Miss Lucy Miller of Jefferson City, and has three charming daughters, who move in the most select and exclusive social circles at the State Capital. As the Representative of Cole county, Mr. Pope plays an unusually prominent and influential role in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and to no man on the floor of the House does the distinguished toga of leadership fall more justly. In fact few men of Mr. Pope's ability and power can afford to neglect their legal duties for a seat in the Legislature, which is not very lucrative, and after all limited in its scope for political aggrandizement. Mr. Pope was admitted to the bar in 1867 at Marshfield, Mo., by the late Robert W. Ryan, and later practiced law at

Hartville, Mo., until 1875, when he removed to Jefferson City, where he has practiced ever since. Mr. Pope was a member of the General Assembly in 1873-1874 and the political wrangles and confusion of the House are therefore not entirely unknown to him. He is one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the State and is, therefore, perfectly at ease in the frequent debates which occur on the floor of the House. He has the reputation of having the tenacity of a bull dog in a legal or political fight, and it is for this reason that members court his favor upon their pet measures before their fate comes before the House. But Mr. Pope is nevertheless a kind and courteous gentleman, a determined political fighter and leader, and one of the staunchest Democrats in the great State of Missouri.



## GEORGE V. PYEATT.

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GEORGE V. PYEATT is the member in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly from St. Clair county. Mr. Pyeatt was born in Richland county, Ohio, sixty-two years ago, but afterward removed to Illinois, where he spent part of his life, and then came to the "state of coal and iron" and good people to work out his remaining fortunes. He is a Democrat of the sturdiest type and is a farmer by occupation. He was educated in the public schools of Illinois and has made the most of his opportunities. As many other boys who have to make their own way in the world, he was unable to avail himself of the advantages of a college training, and hence had to be content with the rudiments of the common public school. Mr. Pyeatt was united in marriage to Miss Teresa Wells and is the parent of four children. He is a well preserved man, considering the hard work and worry which

has devolved upon him in attaining the position of a successful farmer.

Mr. Pyeatt takes but little interest in the discussions of the House, but is content to cast his ballot upon the legislation which calls for verdict from him. He is for strict economy in public expenditures and believes that to waste a dollar of the public money is a public crime. He is one of the old school Democrats and an honor to the party.



## *CHARLES WILLIAMS.*

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CHARLES WILLIAMS is one of the Gibraltar Democrats in the present Legislature. He resides at House Springs; was born September 12, 1847, near Newark, Ohio, and there spent his boyhood days and merged into manhood; was educated in the public schools of his native State and put the finishing touch to his education in Denison University, Ohio. By profession he is a surgeon and physician and has a good practice in Jefferson county, which he represents in the present Assembly. He was united in marriage to Miss Sue E. Stephens, of De Soto, and has three children. He has always been a firm and reliable Democrat; has often been importuned to run for office in Jefferson county, but has steadily refused all political honors until the late campaign, when he was prevailed upon to run for the Legislature. He has made a host of friends among his fellow legislators, and is a man who pays strict attention to duty and is well qualified to discharge the responsible duties of his present office.



GEORGE B. COWLEY.

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GEORGE B. COWLEY is one of the substantial Republican members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and assists the minority in impressing the Democrats with the fact that there are yet a few Republicans left in Old Missouri. He is thirty-six years old, and is a native of Wisconsin; he was educated in the public schools of his native State and Missouri, and afterward attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, from which institution he graduated with honors. He represents Caldwell county; practices his profession and edits a newspaper in Cowgill, where he resides. He served three terms as Coroner of Caldwell county; he has also been a member of his County Central Committee for fourteen years, and was, at one time, a member of the Congressional Committee of his district. Mr. Cowley was, in 1886, united in marriage to Miss Mary E.

McCray, of Caldwell county, and has six children, two boys and four girls. For seven years he has been proprietor of the Cowgill Chief, an influential Republican newspaper; he has also gained a reputation as a writer of religious and other poems, being a lineal descendant of Abraham Cowley, England's great poetic writer. His wife also traces her lineage back to Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Cowley is a refined gentleman, a safe legislator, and as a Representative is a credit to the people who sent him. Mr. Cowley served on the Committees on Ways and Means, and on Banks and Banking, where he did excellent work.

## HUGH ARMSTRONG.

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HUGH ARMSTRONG is another man who does battle in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly for the Republican minority. He resides at Kirkwood, St. Louis county, but was born in Rogersville, Tenn., April 13, 1840. He was educated in the common and high schools in the vicinity of Kirkwood, and afterward attended the junior year in Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. His business is that of an insurance agent, which he follows at his home in Kirkwood. He was united in marriage to Miss Annie O. Olcott, of Rook Hill, St. Louis county, in the year 1871, and is the father of one daughter. In politics Mr. Armstrong has always been a firm Republican. His election to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly was entirely unsought for on his part, but being urged to make the race, he finally consented and led his ticket, his majority being 1109 over the combined opposition. For twelve years he has been a member of the Republican Central Committee of St. Louis county, and is at present, and has been for years, Secretary of that body. Mr. Armstrong entered the Union army August 12, 1861, served four months, was honorably discharged, after which he went to California; he returned in 1862 as a member of the "California One Hundred"—a private. The company was assigned to Massachusetts, quoted as Co. A, Second Massachusetts Cavalry. He was soon promoted to First Sergeant, then Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and finally Captain. Mr. Armstrong is a man who has had a great deal of experience in all practical lines. Though an ardent Republican he is liberal minded upon all questions. He is a man who stands as an honor to the minority, and a capable representative of his people.

## *WILLIAM H. COCK.*

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ONE of the veteran Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly is William H. Cock, who is the Representative of Henry county, and resides at Clinton, Mo. Mr. Cock is sixty-seven years old ; was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee ; went with his parents to Kentucky in 1830 ; he passed his infancy in Kentucky, coming to this State in 1839. He was educated in the common schools of Missouri and Kentucky, and is a man who has led an active, busy life. He was united in marriage to Miss Eliza L. Hancock, of Lincoln county, Mo., and is the father of three children—one boy and two girls. In 1848 he settled in Hickory county, and embarked in the mercantile business ; went from there to Osceola in 1851, and later, in 1856, removed to Clinton, in the county which he now represents, and has resided there ever since, following the merchandise business

in connection with farming. Mr. Cock is a man with wide legislative experience, and is very popular in the county in which he lives. He comes to the Thirty-ninth Assembly with the extensive acquaintance with legislative affairs which he gathered from the Thirtieth and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies. He was also elected Collector of his county in 1872.

Mr. Cock is a man of sound judgment, a thorough Democrat, and a man well fitted and qualified to represent Henry county in the Missouri Legislature.

*JAMES H. ROSS.*

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JAMES H. ROSS is the sterling Democrat who represents the people of Pulaski county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides at Big Piney and is a farmer by occupation, in which line he has been quite successful. He was born July 19, 1840, in Gibson county, Tenn., and in the year 1868 left the State of his birth and came to Missouri. He grew to manhood in Tennessee and was educated in its common schools. He was married to Miss Isabella McDonald, of Waynesville, Mo., who died March 5, 1897, and is the father of ten children, eight girls and two boys, the eldest daughter being married and a resident of Kansas. He was a soldier in the Union army and was mustered out of service as First Lieutenant. He served in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff in Tennessee in 1866-7; again served as Deputy Sheriff and Collector in Pulaski county in the years 1878, 1879 and 1880. He was elected to the Thirty-eighth General Assembly and re-elected to the present one by a largely increased vote. He is a man who thoroughly possesses the confidence of his people and has always been an outspoken Democrat, whose party faith and fealty is above question or reproach. Being a farmer, he is closely allied to their interests, and with his advanced experience in legislative matters and parliamentary tactics is an absolutely invaluable member in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



## CHARLES ANDREW SMITH.

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CHARLES ANDREW SMITH, the subject of this sketch, is one of the most brilliant young men who grace the Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is only thirty-one years old and was born in Elsat, Ill., in which State he passed the majority of his younger days. He was educated in the common schools and afterward attended the St. Louis Law School, from which institution he graduated in a creditable manner ; his law course was completed in June of 1892, and he was admitted to practice. He was united in marriage to Miss Mamie B. Spangle, of Jersey county, Illinois, and is the father of a bright little girl. Mr. Smith practices law in the city of St. Louis and has a patronage that nets him an elegant income. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican, and is at all times ready to stand up for the party which sent him as a member to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Though Mr. Smith has always taken a very lively interest in politics yet this is the first political office he has ever held. He believes that silence is sometimes preferable to oratory, and hence never takes the floor unless he is distinctly interested and concerned. Personally he is very amiable, a gentleman in his transactions, and in fact one of the most popular young men in the Assembly.



*DR. W. J. RUTLEDGE.*

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**D**R. W. J. RUTLEDGE, of Lawrence county, is a Missourian and proud of his native State; is a descendant of the old Rutledge family of South Carolina; his mother was a Howard, niece of Tillman A. Howard, of Indiana, who was sent as a minister to Texas at an early day. The subject of this sketch was born in Newton county forty-four years ago; educated at Newtonia Academy, Pierce City High School and Missouri Medical College. After completing his medical course began the practice of medicine and has ever since been successful in his chosen profession. He now lives upon a farm in Friestatt, surrounded by the comforts of a quiet life and happy family. In 1878 he married Miss Manda Brite, of Pierce City, and four girls and three boys have blessed the union. For three years and a half prior to last October Dr. Rutledge was Pension Examining Surgeon at Pierce City, resigning that position to devote his time and energies to the political con-

test being waged in Lawrence county last fall; is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian stripe and fearless in his political convictions. The Populists of Lawrence county supported Dr. Rutledge at the polls, and he was elected by a majority of 418 votes in a county that had formerly been safely Republican; was Chairman of the Text Book Committee, one of the most important committees of the House, and a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He made a good record in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly and took an active part in the discussions on the floor of the House, and was ever ready to espouse any measure that tended to benefit the common people.

## GEORGE B. ELLIS.

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**A**MONG the members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly there are few more conscientious and painstaking legislators than George B. Ellis, the Representative from Bates county. Mr. Ellis is forty years old, and was born and reared on a farm in Greene county, Indiana, and there were instilled into his boyish life, far from the dangerous temptations of the city, the qualities and sentiments which make men and citizens. He was educated in Ascension Normal and the Evansville Business College in his native State, and speaking from this standpoint, he has received a training which eminently fits him for his present position and almost any other that is apt to be thrown in his way. Although qualified for a higher calling from an educational point of view, he is content to be a farmer with a farmer's opportunities and life. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna Williamson, of Indiana, and is the father of five children, one daughter and four

sons. In his own words, he is a Jacksonian Democrat of the purest and most pronounced type. He has held various offices in the county which he now represents, and is a man who enjoys the confidence of his home people. He introduced a General Fellow Servant Bill, a bill reducing salaries and a compulsory education measure. He looks into all legislation from a careful and conscientious standpoint, and is one of the Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly who is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties with which his constituents have entrusted him.



### *OSCAR F. SESSINGHAUS.*

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THE subject of this sketch is Oscar F. Sessinghaus, of the City of St. Louis. Mr. Sessinghaus is one of the youngest members of the House, being only twenty-six years old. He was born and reared in the city in which he now resides. He was educated in the University of Michigan, is a lawyer by profession and has a bright future in the legal line in St. Louis. In politics Mr. Sessinghaus is an ardent Republican, and, considering his age, is quite an able advocate and defender of that party whose fundamental principles were founded by the great Hamilton. He has learned one very important lesson to a young legislator, and that is that it does not pay to get out on the floor upon every proposition which comes up before the House—there is nothing like knowing when to talk and when to remain silent. As yet Mr. Sessinghaus is in a state of single blessedness, but we assume no responsibility for his future. He is in every way one of the brightest and brainiest young men in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

*T. W. WADE.*

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**T** W. WADE, who is the burden of this short biographical sketch, is one of the rock-ribbed Democrats of the Thirty ninth General Assembly. Mr. Wade is a native of Georgia; was born in that State in 1847, and came to "Old Missouri" with his parents in 1852, and ever since that time has been content to trust his interests with the good old people of our State. He is the head of a family consisting of nine industrious children, six of whom are married; the other three, with their parents, reside in their picturesque home in the rural parts of Greene county.

Mr. Wade, as many other industrious young Americans, has won his way to a position of eminence and honor by his own determined will and energy; educated in the common schools of this State, he has been a very close student and observer, until today there are few men among the members of the present Assembly who surpass him in practical knowledge. He won a signal victory in the last election, and was sent to the Legislature from a county which had always been considered hopelessly Republican; to his own personal cleanliness of character and manhood this victory is practically due. He is a member of the Board of Directors and General Manager of the Republic Canning Company of Republic, Greene county, and has made that industry a pronounced success; he owns two elegant farms, besides a fruit farm near Springfield, in Greene county. He is a strong free silver Democrat, is closely allied with the interests of the industrial classes, and is in every way one of the most substantial and valuable members in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

## MATTHEW COFFEY.

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MATTHEW COFFEY is one of the substantial Democratic members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is fifty-one years old and was born in Kentucky, the land of blue grass and patriotic statesmen. He resides at Downing at the present time and is the Representative of Schuyler county. He came to this State when he was only four years old and has resided here ever since; was educated in the public schools of Memphis, Mo.

By occupation Mr. Coffey is a farmer and stock raiser, and as a legislator in the present Assembly he is ever watchful of the interests of the men to whose class his following attaches him.

He was united to Miss M. E. Downing of Scotland county, Mo., in 1869, and is the father of eight children. In politics he is a Democrat of the most undaunted variety and has worked long and hard to convert his county from the plague of Republicanism, in which he was successful in the recent elec-

tion. Two years ago the Republican candidate received a majority of 317 votes, and this time he himself carried the county by 330, thus attesting his own popularity as a Democratic race horse in Schuyler county. He tries to save money for his State by refraining from taking a part in the long, tedious debates, but contents himself by casting an intelligent vote upon the propositions which come before him. He is the right man in the right place.



*JOHN A. PORTER.*

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JOHN A. PORTER is another young Republican statesman from the City of St. Louis, who is helping to make the beastly Democratic majority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly understand that there exists also a vigorous Republican minority. Twenty-eight years ago, John A. Porter was born amid the beautiful hills of Scotland, the land of the immortal Bobbie Burns and of bonnie lads and maids. There he resided until fifteen years of age, and then left her myths and mistletoe to mingle his fortunes in that greatest of all nations, America. He was educated in the Grammar schools of his native land, and after coming to this country took up the study of law and is now practicing his profession in the City of St. Louis. He came to Missouri from Georgia, where he resided a number of years. Mr. Porter's father had been in this country before him, and had served as a soldier in the Union Army, afterward returning to Scotland, when the subject

of this sketch was born. Mr. Porter does not play any very aggressive part in the oratorical displays which are so frequent in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, but, being an attorney by profession, is able to form for himself a sound opinion of the constitutionality and advisability of all the bills which come up for consideration. He is a capable Representative and an honor to the minority.

*COL. JAMES M'LEAN PIPER.*

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**C**OL. JAMES M'LEAN PIPER, who represents the Third District of St. Louis City, was born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, Pa., May 1, 1840. He was of Saxon descent. His ancestor was Maquas Pyper, of Holstein. In the wars which prevailed in Germany the Pipers emigrated from Nuremburg to the north of Ireland, thence to Dockmouth, in Devonshire. There Nathaniel Piper was born in 1658, and, coming to America after he had grown to manhood, he settled at Ipswich, Mass. Three of his family afterward made their homes in Lancaster county, Pa. They gained distinction both for their personal character and bravery in the Indian wars. William Piper served under Gen. Forbes at Fort Duquesne in 1758, and also in the Revolutionary war. His son, Peter Piper, crossed the Alleghenies at the age of eighteen to make his home in the Ligonier Valley, where he died in 1858 at the age of ninety-seven. He was an Indian scout and spy, a man of great courage and daring, familiar with woodcraft as well as warcraft. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and a Cumberland Presbyterian in religion. The father of twelve children, his sons and grandsons inherited his belief, but his son William, the father of the Colonel, became a staunch Republican after the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. James was reared at the family homestead and received his education in the common schools,

supplemented by several terms in Ligonier and Sewickley Academies. He learned his father's trade of millwright, following it during the summer and going to school in winter. It was his purpose, however, to become a lawyer, and for this purpose he attended the Michigan Law School. He served with honor in the late war, going out with the First Battalion of Pennsylvania Cavalry. After the close of the war he came to St. Louis in 1865 to follow the live stock business. From 1870 to 1875 he was connected with the Piper Manufacturing Company at Springfield, Ill. He has traveled quite extensively through the Central and South American Republics and Mexico for two and one-half years just past, and has been engaged in promoting and building a railroad from Grafton, Ill., to Rock Island. He was elected to the Assembly from the Third District as a Republican, although his district has been largely Democratic.

*JOHN H. PERRIN.*

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JOHN H. PERRIN is the Populist who represents Linn county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born forty-nine years ago, in old Howard, the mother of Missouri counties, and received his education in its public schools. Being ambitious to become a doctor of medicine, he graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Miss Lavinia M. Logan of Madison county, Ohio, and is the father of a bright little girl.

Dr. Perrin enjoys an excellent practice at Marceline, in the county in which he resides, and succeeds in making a comfortable living. He has been a member of the Board of Aldermen in Marceline, member of the Board of Health, School Board, and Clerk of his Township Board. In politics he is an ardent Populist, yet liberal minded in things political, and was elected from his county by a combination of Populists and Democrats. He is a man who has thought much upon political problems and is therefore well qualified to fill and perform the duties of his present position.

*J. ED. BOHART.*

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**A**MONG the young Democratic Representatives in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly there is no abler man than J. Ed. Bohart, who represents Clinton county. He is only twenty-six years old, and was born in Andrew county, Mo., and owes all that he is to the good people of this State, who have recognized his ability and strong, manly character, and elevated him to his present position of honor and responsibility. He was educated in the University of Michigan, and afterward entered the legal department at Ann Arbor, from which great institution he graduated with honors. No young man who sits in the present Assembly has had better educational opportunities, and a short acquaintance with him reveals the fact that he has made the most of them. He was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Morgan, of Plattsburg, the town in which he now lives, and is the father of a bright little boy four years old. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, also Banks and Banking, and the Joint Committee on Rules; is Chairman

of the Committee on Justices of the Peace, and also of several special committees. On all of them his influence is felt. He practices his profession at Plattsburg, and also owns an excellent tract of land upon which he carries on a stock-raising and shipping business. In politics he is an uncompromising Democrat, and carried his county by a majority of 1000. He is an able orator, yet is not affected with what some people call a diarrhœa of speechmaking. He takes an active part in the House discussions, and when he speaks has something to say and receives close attention. Educated and polished, a man of fine intellect and a host of warm friends, and, together with these qualities, possessed of the elegant bearing of a man and statesman, few ambitious young fellows in the State have a brighter future than J. Ed. Bohart, of Clinton county.

## JAMES A. DAUGHERTY.

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JAMES A. DAUGHERTY, the Representative from Jasper county, is one of the substantial Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, who can always be depended upon to cast an intelligent ballot upon all questions which come up for consideration before that body. He is a native of Tennessee and was born in that State August 30, 1847; there he passed his boyhood days and was educated in its public schools. He was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Freeman of Illinois, and is the father of eight children; he has now resided in Jasper county, this State, a little over twenty-nine years.

The present office is not the first official capacity in which Mr. Daugherty has served. In 1890 he was elected Judge of the Western District in his county, and re-elected in 1892 to the same position. He has always been a Democrat of the most sterling kind, and the fact that he now represents an

iron clad Republican county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, is sufficient proof of his personal popularity among the people of his home. He follows the farming and stock raising business on an extensive scale, and has been quite successful. He is closely allied to the farmers' interests in legislative matters and is in every way a man competent to discharge the duties of his present position. He has made many warm friends in the Assembly and is an honor to the county which he represents.



*W. M. MEYERSIECK.*

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**W** M. MEYERSIECK represents Franklin county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides at Union, where he was born twenty-eight years ago. He was educated in the public schools, but afterward attended the St. Louis Law School; however, he has not followed the profession for which his educational qualifications fitted him, but is a farmer by occupation, and teaches school in addition.

He was united in marriage to Miss M. C. Dress, of the town in which he was born, and is the father of one bright little girl baby, which is one year old.

The only other official capacity in which Mr. Meyersieck has ever served was that of Deputy Sheriff of Franklin county in the years 1893-4-5-6. He has taught school for a period of six years, and was Principal of the Union public schools in 1895-6. He is an industrious young man, and fights enthusiastically in the battles of the Republican minority in the present House.

Mr. Meyersieck believes firmly and zealously in the principles of his party, and is a faithful guardian of the interests of the people whom he represents in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



*FRED J. HESS.*

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FRED J. HESS makes laws for the citizens of Mississippi county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born and passed his early days in the old Southern State of Tennessee ; in 1870 he left the place of his birth and went to Hickman county, Kentucky, in which county he served as Prosecuting Attorney for a term of two years. In 1875 he came to Mississippi county, Missouri, and has lived among its hospitable people ever since ; there he has served as County Judge, and was also elected to serve in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

Mr. Hess is not married. Politically speaking he is a Democrat of the truest variety, and is always ready to defend and fight for the principles founded and promulgated by that great philosopher and statesman, Thomas Jefferson. He is one of the most substantial Representatives in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and, being jovial and amiable by nature, numbers his friends by the score.

For the past fifteen years he has devoted himself to farming, and consequently he keeps one eye continually open for legislation in the interest of the great industrial classes.

## *HARRY CLYMER.*

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**H**ARRY CLYMER is one of the ablest and brightest young men who are sharing in the woes and tribulations of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is twenty-six years old and was born in Bates county of this State, and will probably cast his destiny among its people. He devoted himself industriously to the interests of the Republican party in Crawford county, which he represents in the present Assembly, and after the battle was over and his election assured, he bent his efforts to a nobler and more gallant purpose and successfully induced a pretty young lady, Miss Lillie Harrison, of Steelville, Mo., to walk to the hymeneal altar with him, and they were married February 7, 1897. As "all the world loves a lover," Mr. Clymer has been the recipient of many pleasant smiles and compliments from his fellow members. He was educated in the common and private Normal schools and has taught for a number of years. He then read law and was admitted to the

bar at the age of twenty-two and has much promise in his chosen profession. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Official Salaries and Fees. He was also a member of the Special Committee appointed by the Speaker to examine into alleged police frauds in St. Louis and Kansas City. He was also placed on a number of other important Committees.

He has a personality which is very affable and has many friends. As a legislator he is competent and in every able and qualified to represent the interests of the people of Crawford county.

*PAUL ELLIS.*

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PAUL ELLIS is the Republican Representative from Wright county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides at Cedar Gap in this county, and his business is that of a merchant, at which vocation he has had fair success. He is thirty-eight years of age, was born in Webster county, but has lived the greater portion of his time in the county which has sent him to the present Legislature. He was educated at Mt. Dale Seminary, and is a well equipped man for the duties which devolve upon him as a Legislator.

Mr. Ellis was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Mollie Pyatt, daughter of Judge Pyatt of Wright county, and is the father of two bright children; Jesse, a sturdy little fellow of twelve, and Willie, a sweet cherub-faced little girl of six, with a curly head and blue eyes. Mr. Ellis is an ardent Republican in politics and has a well grounded faith in the doctrines of his party. He is a quiet man personally and is content to let the "other fellows" do the orating: however, he takes a keen interest in all legislative matters, and is one of the strongest men in the Assembly, who helps fight the battles of the minority.

Representative Ellis has done excellent service on the Appropriations Committee, also on the Committees on Commerce and Immigration.

*JOHN M. HARREL.*

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THE old rock-ribbed county of Clay is represented in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly by John M. Harrel. He was born in Todd county, Kentucky, thirty-nine years ago; he lived in his native State for fourteen years and then came to the grand old State of Missouri to cast his lot with her hospitable people. Mr. Harrel has had very good opportunities in educational respects, and secured a good training in the private schools of his native State. He is an able fighter and takes a prominent part in the House debates. He is the author of the Separate Coach Bill and made a strong and determined fight for it on the floor of the House. He has been Chairman of the Farmers' Alliance of his county and has also served in the same capacity for the Interstate Alliance of Missouri and Kansas. He represented Clay county in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. Mr. Harrel enjoys the distinction of being the only man who ever succeeded himself in the Legislature from Clay county. He is ever vigilant

for the farmers' interests and ever ready to take up the cudgel in a political fight in their behalf. No man sits in the House of Representatives to-day who enjoys a greater degree of respect in the minds of his fellow members than John M. Harrel. In fact, the only thing that reflects against his Democracy is that he is a confirmed old bachelor. However, when the Thirty-ninth General Assembly has become a matter of history none will have a more respected signature upon its roster than John M. Harrel.



*ANDREW J. McCOLLUM.*

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ONE of the most substantial old rock-ribbed Democrats in the present Legislature is Andrew J. McCollum, of Ripley county. He was born September 3, 1843, in Hickman county, Tennessee, but passed the majority of his days in Perry county, in the same State. In 1870 he left the State of his nativity and came to Old Missouri, settling in Ripley county, and there he has resided ever since. He was married to Miss Alice Harrington in Perry county, Tennessee, in March, 1866, and of this marriage two children are living; his wife Alice departed this life in May, 1879; in November, 1879, he was married to his present wife, Emma Borth, and of this marriage has three children living.

Mr. McCollum was educated in the common schools of Perry county, Tennessee, and during the late war fought in the "Lost Cause." He was in Company H, Forty-second Tennessee Infantry Volunteers; is a member of the Composite Lodge, No. 369, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to Doniphan Lodge, No. 111, K. of P., and Doniphan Lodge, No. 338, of the A. O. U. W. He was Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder from 1875 to 1895 in Ripley county—elected five terms in succession; also served in the Thirty-eighth Assembly and was re-elected to the present one. In politics Mr. McCollum has always been a firm and uncompromising Democrat, and has ever taken an interest in his party's battles; his popularity among his home people is attested by the fact that he has been repeatedly honored with public office. He is a most amiable gentleman, and as a legislator he is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of his position. He is a lawyer, and was admitted to practice in 1896.

## JOSEPH BURROUGHS.

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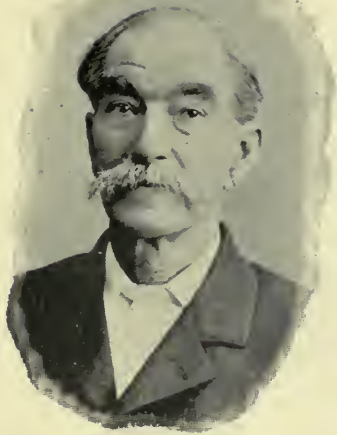


ONE of the brightest young Democratic members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly is Joseph Burroughs of Howell county. Mr. Burroughs enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the present House, as he is only twenty-five years old. He was born and reared in the county which he now represents. He received his academic education in West Plains College, and afterward studied law in Cumberland University, and was graduated therefrom and admitted to the bar in 1896. Mr. Burroughs' father died when he was only fifteen years old, leaving him as the eldest of seven children. Thus he was at this youthful age compelled to shoulder the task of helping his mother rear her family, and together they managed to get along quite nicely upon the farm left them by their father. Mr. Burroughs has taught school at different times, but having an inherent love for politics he will no doubt remain in their turmoil the greater part of his life.

He is the author of several important measures which have come before the Thirty-ninth Assembly, and is a very able speaker and debater. No young man has taken a more important part in the proceedings of the House than he. Mr. Burroughs is a member of the Committees on Elections and State Library, and is in every way one of the strongest factors and most brilliant young Democrats in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

*WILLIAM L. SNIDOW.*

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WILLIAM L. SNIDOW, who represents Hickory county, is a Virginian, having been born in Giles county, February 13, 1829. He obtained the rudiments of an education at spare times, when he could not be engaged on his father's farm, where he remained until twenty years of age. At that time he married Miss Elizabeth C. Brown, and to this union have been born ten children. In 1849 he and his father came to Missouri, settling in Monroe county. In 1856 Mr. Snidow removed to Hickory county. He has served as Lieutenant of Militia in Virginia; also Captain of Militia in Missouri, also saw service in the regular army.

In 1866 Mr. Snidow was commissioned by Governor Fletcher to organize the Militia of Hickory county. After the war he served as School Director and as Deputy Sheriff. In 1864 he was elected to the State Senate. In 1865 he was chosen Supervisor of Registration for Hickory county, but resigned. He was elected to the Legislature from his county in 1868, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1886, and again in 1896. He was Assistant U. S. Marshal in 1870, and a member of the Union Convention at Jefferson City in 1863, also member of numerous State and other conventions. Mr. Snidow was a Whig until that party disbanded, since which time he has been an ardent and consistent Republican. His long service in the Legislature and his strong, sterling traits of manhood secure for him the high respect and good will of every member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.



## WADSWORTH D. LEEPER.

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**A**MONG the great army of bright ambitious young men in Missouri who are destined to soon take its helm of State in their own hands, is Wadsworth D. Leeper, the promising young Democrat and politician who represents Livingston county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born in Chillicothe, the County Seat of the county which he represents, twenty-nine years ago. He first served his time in the public schools of Livingston county and afterward entered Central College, Fayette, Mo.; attended the St. Louis Law School three years; not content with the instruction afforded him there, he entered the Legal Department of Yale University, and graduated therefrom in 1893. His college record was a very brilliant one. While at Yale he was awarded second honors in the essay contest, and represented the Law Department in the Yale-Princeton debate. The only

political office he ever held previous to his present one was that of Mayor of Chillicothe from 1895-6. He is at present a member of the Chapman & Leeper law firm of the above place and enjoys a lucrative practice. He is unmarried—to put it in his own language, he is treading the wine press alone; just how long he will remain in this state, however, is a very indefinite matter, considering a certain weakness with which his intimate friends know him to be very seriously affected. Mr. Leeper is in every way one of the young Democratic leaders of the House and enjoys the admiration and respect of all who know him. With a polished education, a lucrative practice in his chosen profession, a host of friends to lend him an assisting hand, few young men in this State have a brighter future than this smooth shaven and classic featured young statesman from Livingston.

*GEORGE A. HART.*

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GEORGE A. HART represents Benton county, the border land of the "Big Red Apple" country of South Missouri, one of her time-honored County Judges and life-long agriculturists, who is a quiet gentleman, courteous, sympathetic and greatly admired by all who know him closely. He was born in Coffee county, Tennessee, in 1840, his parents residing upon a farm, where he learned the important lessons of industry and frugality so necessary to success in any of the walks of life. His educational advantages were only such as the common schools afforded, but his keen desire for knowledge made him a hard-working student, and especially has he read extensively upon the lines of agriculture, horticulture and political economy. Mr. Hart was married in Tennessee to Miss Drewsilla Robinson. He is now the father of eight children, five of whom are married. He moved to Missouri in 1859, locating in the county which now honors him with a seat in the Legislature. Benton county has often called upon Mr. Hart to fill the official position of County Judge; and he has served in that capacity ten years—one term as Associate Judge and two terms

as Presiding Judge. He has held other offices in the county, and the acceptable manner in which he has always acquitted himself in any public position has given him great prestige among his constituents. He is an active member of the M. E. Church and gives with a liberal hand. At present he is engaged in the mercantile business at Warsaw, and is also owner of a fine Benton county farm. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and in the role of a citizen is greatly respected at home, and always ready to encourage enterprises calculated to benefit his county and home town. At Warsaw or in Benton county there are few noticeable marks of public spirit which have not had behind them the approved and energetic support of George A. Hart.



*WILLIAM BREUER.*

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ient to the greatest interests of the general people. He is a farmer, and consequently is much interested in legislation pertaining to the interests of the industrial classes. He is in every sense a reliable legislator and a good man to represent Gasconade county.

**W**ILLIAM BREUER is one of the substantial Republican Representatives in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born October 25, 1835, in Prussia and emigrated to this country in 1842. He represents Gasconade county in the present House, but passed his boyhood days and grew to manhood in Franklin county, Missouri. He was united in marriage to Miss Eda Mattock, of Phelps county, and is the father of twelve children. He was elected Judge of Gasconade county from 1890 to 1894; he was also Second Lieutenant of Company K, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Enrolled Militia of Missouri. In politics he has always been an earnest Republican and believes that the principles of that great party are subserv-

## ALFRED DAVULT.

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ONE of the truest and safest men in the Legislative body is Alfred Davault, representing the splendid county of Montgomery. He was born in that county, April 14, 1842, and reared near the town of New Florence, where he got most of his education in the common schools. Later he attended school in Toronto, Canada. By occupation he is a farmer, and in politics a Democrat of the truest type. Mr. Davault is a man who stands high among his people. He held the office of Sheriff of his county for two terms—1874 to 1878 inclusive. He represented his county in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies, and gave such general satisfaction that he was returned to the Thirty-ninth. In the Thirty-Seventh he served as Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways. In the Thirty-ninth he is Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, and fills the place to perfection. Mr. Davault married Miss Lizzie Gardner, of New Florence, Mo., and their union has been blessed with six children. In Mr. Davault the people of Montgomery have a representative who is prudent, safe, reliable, and who commands the respect and confidence of his fellow-members to the highest degree. He would be a credit to any county in the State.



## ERNST W. MOELLER.

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THE subject of this short biographical sketch is Ernst W. Moeller, who is one of the substantial Republican members of the House. He resides at 2226 Biddle street, St. Louis. He is forty-six years old and was born in Germany, the land of armies and iron men.

Mr. Moeller came to St. Louis in 1865 and began work as a cabinet-maker; afterward he branched out into the planing-mill business and is still in that line.

Representative Moeller was united in marriage to Miss Eppmeyer and is the father of seven children, one boy and six girls.

Mr. Moeller has always been a staunch Republican, and believes that the great dominant principles inculcated in that party will work the greatest

good to the greatest number. Being a laboring man, Mr. Moeller knows their condition and votes in sympathy with them upon all reasonable legislative questions. He is by nature rugged and honest—that characteristic which marks all sturdy Germans.

Representative Moeller is not an orator, and hence does not impose his eloquence or gesticulations upon the Thirty-ninth Assembly. However he studies legislation carefully, and casts as nearly as is within his power an intelligent vote upon the roll calls to which he responds.



## *JAMES W. DAVIS.*

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THE following is a brief sketch of James W. Davis, the popular young Representative from Chariton county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is thirty-two years old, and was born near Brunswick, Mo.; he was educated in the public schools of his county and afterward completed his education in the State University. Being ambitious to become a lawyer, he made himself proficient in this profession, and having quite a degree of adaptability in this line he has a brilliant future in the line of his chosen vocation.

He has maintained a state of single blessedness up to this time, but being extremely fond of everything feminine, he is apt to go through a transformation at almost any time. He subscribes himself a 16 to 1 Democrat, and is an enthusiastic believer in Democratic doctrines. He is an influential young member in the House and takes an active part in all legislative matters. Starting upon his political career thus early, and having a host of warm friends, there appears no foreboding on the future's horizon for James W. Davis.



## CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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CHARLES W. CLARKE is one of the leading Republican members of the minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was born fifty-four years ago in the State of Vermont, but passed his boyhood days and grew to manhood in Ohio.

He was educated at Hiram College; is an attorney by profession, and has had a great deal of important practice in his time; he came to this State from Mississippi in 1883.

He was united in marriage to Miss Marie Loveland of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has no children.

He is a firm Republican and assists the minority in its trials and troubles in the present Assembly in a very effective manner. He has held the office

of Probate Judge, was a member of the Constitutional Convention in Mississippi, and was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated James A. Garfield for president. He was a captain before the close of the war, is a member of the Christian Church and for ten years has been very active in Sunday School work. From the fact of his long political experience and his vast information he has proven himself a worthy member and is thoroughly competent to represent the people of Kansas City. It was through his efforts that the Fraternal Insurance Bill was passed, and Kansas City was exempt from the School Text Book Bill.





### *HARRY R. WALMSLEY.*

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THE subject of this sketch is Harry R. Walmsley, one of the Republican members in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He resides in Kansas City and represents one of its legislative districts. He is self educated and is a young man who has made the most of his opportunities. He was reared in Kansas City and is twenty-eight years old. He was united in marriage to Miss Lillie B. Sprague, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., and is the father of two bright little boys. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and takes active part in the measures of the present House. He is a capable Representative and competent to represent his constituency.

## MARSHALL JAY JENKINS.

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MARSHALL JAY JENKINS is one of the sturdy men who have made laws in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and hails from Jasper county, where he resides on a farm. He was born September 11, 1838, in Wayne county, Mich., and passed his younger days in his native State and Iowa. He received his education in a Seminary and Western College, which institutions are both located in Linn county, Iowa. Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Garland, of Nodaway county, Mo., and is the father of four children, three of whom died in infancy. The other, Ordellia' is married to Mr. C. T. Howard, and the young people live on Mr. Jenkins' premises. He left Iowa for DeKalb county, Mo., April, 1860, and afterward resided for seven years in Kansas; he then came to Jasper county, Missouri, in October, 1868, and has resided there ever since. The principal mission of his life has been that of a minister of the gospel, though

he has taught school a great deal and is at present residing on a farm—yet he has never given up the ministry, and looks upon the expounding of its holy truths as his greatest life work. He has received into the church over 1,600 members, more than 1,000 of whom he has baptised. He belongs to the Disciples of Christ, and thinks the church people should concern themselves with the affairs of State. In politics he is a Populist, but is loyal to the true spirit of the great silver campaign as expressed by the Bryan Democracy. From 1860 to 1872 he voted the Republican ticket, but the Crime of "73" drove him into the reform ranks and therefore he voted for Cooper, Weaver and finally for Bryan. In '72 he voted for Greeley. Mr. Jenkins is Chairman of the Committee on Claims, and also serves on the Committee on Local Bills, and on Emigration. He is a man well qualified to perform the duties of a legislator.

## FRANK C. SICKLES.

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FRANK C. SICKLES is one of the substantial men in the Republican minority in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He is forty-four years old, was born in Clark county, Mo., and has spent all his life in this State. He was educated in the public schools, and is a man who has made the most of his opportunities—something which can not be said of every one. He perfected himself in the study of law, and is at the present time practicing his profession in Putnam county, whose people he represents in the present General Assembly.

Mr. Sickles was united in marriage January, 1878, to Miss Mary E. Fisher, of Schuyler county, and they have one son. In the year of 1882 Mr. Sickles was elected as Prosecuting Attorney of Schuyler county, for a term of two years, and after he moved to Putnam county was elected to the same office in 1892 without opposition. In both counties he made an able and efficient public prosecutor.

Mr. Sickles was elected to the Legislature by a majority of 974; he is a member of the Committees on Criminal Jurisprudence and Township Organization. He takes an active part in all legislation that comes up for consideration before the House, and makes his position known in no uncertain manner. He is thoroughly competent to guard the interests of the citizens of Putnam county.

## CHARLES A. DOUGHERTY.

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THE subject of this sketch is Charles A. Dougherty, the Democratic Representative from Howard county. Mr. Dougherty was born and reared in old Howard—"The Mother of Counties," and educated in the common public schools; is a farmer and is in good circumstances, being a man who is economical and a tireless worker. It is to him that belongs the credit of first proposing the reduction of freight rates, and in an interview which was given by him to the press he outlined the policy which has been pursued by the House during the past session. Mr. Dougherty is fifty years old, and a man of great physical strength and endurance. He is very popular among the people of his own county and enjoys the respect and confidence of every man connected with the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. His popularity at home is attested by the fact that this is his third term in the Legislature, having served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Assemblies; is married and has three children. Mr. Dougherty takes no

very active part in the House wrangles unless he happens to be especially interested in the matter under discussion. His judgment, however, is unusually good from the fact of his long legislative experience; he is considered by all as thoroughly safe and conservative legislator; was one of the committee appointed to investigate the Kansas City police muddle, and is a member of a number of other important committees in the House. He is a man eminently honest, shrewd and an honor to "old Howard."

## Short Sketches of Other Members of Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

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W. M. WEAVER, (Democrat), of Springfield, Green county. Born in Green county, Mo., in 1830; Assessor, Deputy Sheriff, Justice and member Legislature. Lawyer; married.

JOSEPH WOOD, (Democrat), of Daviess county. Born in Indiana in 1831; educated in common and high schools; Collector of Daviess county three years. Farmer and preacher; married.

CAREY W. COLE, farmer and Free Silver Democrat, represents the County of Ralls. Post office address West Hartford, Mo. Born July 27, 1853. Married.

WILBUR F. ARNOLD, (Democrat), represents the County of St. Francois. Was born at Bonne Terre, and educated at Irondale, Mo. Post office address is Bonne Terre, Mo. Married.

EDWARD J. DUNN, who represents the Fifth Legislative District of St. Louis, is a Republican. Born at Du Quoin, Ill., and educated at Jacksonville; was Prosecuting Attorney two terms at Jacksonville, Illinois. Insurance agent; married.

HENRY C. ERMAN, (Republican). Was born in Virginia in 1847; removed to Missouri in 1850. Represents the Sixth District of St. Louis City. Married.

G. R. CURRY (Republican), of Dillia, Mo., was born in Tennessee thirty-six years ago; educated in common schools; Representative of Ozark county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Farmer; married.

WILLIAM A. WIGHT, (Democrat). of Moberly, Randolph county, is a native of the county he now represents; was for many years Secretary of the Moberly Fair Association and was postmaster of Moberly four years. Married.

THOMAS H. IJAMS (Republican), from the Sixth District, Kansas City, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio; educaed at Logansport, Ind.; served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1865. Broker; married.

R. L. MACEY, (Democrat), of Hardin, Ray county. Born in Miami, Saline county, Mo., 1863; was teacher six years in Saline and principal Hardin public schools. Editor; married.

JOHN B. CALDWELL, (Democrat), of St. Marys, St. Genevieve county. Born in St. Genevieve county, Mo., in 1854. Retired farmer; married.



ARCH H. CASHION (Republican) representing Perry county, was born at Perryville, Mo., October 18, 1839; has served his people as Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Collector and Representative. Married Miss M. R. Brewer, of Perryville. Farmer.

WILLIAM H. HAMILTON (Democrat), of Warrensburg, Johnson county, is forty-nine years old; was County Assessor in 1886 and re-elected in 1888. Farmer; married. They have one daughter, Miss Druna, who holds a position on the Engrossing force of the House.

THOMAS N. BRADFORD (Democrat), Representative from Texas county, is 56 years old; served his county as Sheriff and Sheriff and Collector; member of the Thirty-second General Assembly, and again elected to represent his county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly; married.

SYDNOR B. BURKS, Second District (Democrat), of Slater, who represents Saline county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, was born in Appomattox county, Va., April 9, 1852, removing to this State in August, 1868; was City Attorney of Slater for ten years. Lawyer; married.

MATTHEW W. HALL, Jr., First District Saline county (Democrat), of Marshall, member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, is a native of Missouri, born at Arrow Rock, Saline county, August 16, 1853; received a common school education; elected Circuit Clerk of Saline county in 1886, serving two terms. Farmer; married.

CHARLES H. ROHNE, Fifth District, St. Louis City, (Republican), member of the Lower House of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, was born in Hanover, Germany; immigrated to America in 1852, locating in St. Louis; was educated in the city of his adoption; was a member of the 85th Missouri State militia. Grocer; married.

WILLIAM I. COX, (Democrat), of Montecello, Representative from Lewis county, in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Was born in Campbell county (now Benton), Ky., and removed to Missouri June, 1856, locating in the county he now represents; was Assessor of Lewis county in 1868; married in 1856 to Sarah A. Finley, of Lewis county. Farmer.

JOHN J. SAWYER, (Republican), of Fruitland, Cape Girardeau county, member of the House in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, January 8, 1833; came to Missouri in 1850, locating in Cape Girardeau county; was a member of the Enrolled Missouri militia; elected County Judge in 1884 and again in 1886; elected County Treasurer in 1888, serving two terms; member Thirty-seventh General Assembly. Farmer; married.

ROWLAND L. JOHNSTON, First District, St. Louis county, (Republican), member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, of Old Orchard, is a native Missourian, born in Pike county, April 23, 1870; he is self-educated, never having attended school a day in his life; at an early age he went to the City of St. Louis, and later to St. Louis county. Lawyer; single.

ALONZO TUBBS (Republican), of Feuersville, who represents Osage county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, was born at New Albany, Ind., January 15, 1840; educated in the public schools of his native State; at the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861 he recruited a company and was mustered into the Federal service as Captain Company G, Twenty-third Indiana Infantry, July 29; served in the Army of the Tennessee from Shiloh to Vicksburg; was taken prisoner during the Vicksburg campaign, and saw but little active service after that time, being held a prisoner of war until Feb., 1865; promoted to rank of Major when exchanged, and finally mustered out of service July 23, 1865; came to Missouri in 1867; taught school in Osage and Gasconade counties, and in the spring of 1870 commenced the practice of medicine, which profession he has ever since followed; has been a member of the Legislature for five consecutive terms, serving in the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies. Married.

RUDOLPH W. MUELLER (Republican), of Augusta, Representative from St. Charles county, was born in the county which he represents June 3, 1843; is indebted to his mother for his earlier instruction, and later attended the public schools; served in the 1st battalion, U. S. reserve corps, and 42d regiment M. S. M.; Justice of the Peace for ten years, and has served as U. S. census officer, and Deputy Assessor; member Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies; Speaker pro tem of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. Farmer; married.

FREDERICK WILLIAM SCHUMACHER, Second District St. Louis city, (Republican), was born in St. Louis, Nov. 22, 1859; educated in the city public schools; member of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and re-elected to the Thirty-ninth Assembly. Grocer; single.

CHAS. ERHART (Republican), Representative from St. Louis City, was born in St. Louis, May 10, 1860; educated in the public and private schools of that city. Cooper; married.

DANIEL LOVEL RUSSELL (Democrat); of New Madrid, who represents New Madrid county in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, was born on the old Russell farm, situate four miles from New Madrid and three miles from the old fort, March 7, 1862, amid the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry as the Union forces bombarded the old fort; was educated in the public schools and at Cape Girardeau Normal; has served his county as Constable and Deputy Sheriff. Member of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly and re-elected to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. Farmer and merchant; married.

G. PURD HAYS (Republican), of Ozark, Christian county. Born in Greene county, Mo., 1865; educated in Missouri schools. Lawyer.

GOLDBURN H. WILSON (Republican), of St. Louis City. Born in Rock Island, Ill., in 1864; educated at Missouri University and St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. Physician; married.

PATRICK J. REAGAN (Republican) from St. Louis City, born January 1, 1863, Roscommon county, Ireland educated in public schools of Ireland and St. Louis, also at Commercial college; was Deputy Collector in St. Louis; seven years. Came to Missouri fourteen years ago from Providence, Rhode Island. Book-keeper; married.

GEORGE B. MYERS, (Democrat), of Lutesville, Bollinger county. Born in Bollinger county, Mo.; age thirty-six; educated in public school, Cape Normal University of Kentucky; been County School Commissioner, Chairman Democratic County Committee, Grand Master I. O. O. F. Lodge, etc. Farmer and teacher; married.

GEORGE FARRAR, (Democrat), of Belleview, Iron county. Born in Arcadia Valley; age thirty-eight; reared in Iron county. Physician; married.

JESSE L. EATON, (Democrat), of Washington county. Born in Belgrade, Mo.; age thirty-three years; educated at Carleton Institute; member Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. Physician; married.

FRANCIS A. REBO (Democrat), of Kahoka, Clark county. Born in 1851. Lawyer, teacher, editor; been Public Administrator, City Judge, Representative, also Assistant Engrossing Clerk and Doorkeeper. Single.

WEBB M. RUBEY (Democrat), who represents Macon county, is a native of Pike county, Mo., but has resided in Macon since boyhood. Has served as Clerk of County Court and State Senator in 1876. Lawyer and banker; married.

JAMES McCANN (Republican), of Bosworth, Carroll county, was born in the county which he represents June 27, 1867; educated at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and State University. Lawyer; married.

WILLIAM C. ALLDREDGE, (People's Party), of Latham, Moniteau county. Born in Tennessee in 1837; member Missouri Legislature in 1879; was a Captain in Confederate Army. Farmer; widower.

OMER H. AVERY, (Democrat), of Troy, Lincoln county. Born in that county in 1854; educated in common schools, Troy Academy and State University. Lawyer. Been Prosecuting Attorney, member Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies. Married.

PHILIP KRAMME, (Republican) of St. Louis City. Born in Germany; age forty-six. Educated in private schools; grocer; married.

ALONZO S. PRATHER (Republican), of Taneyville, Taney county. Born in Indiana; age fifty-seven; educated at Asbury University, Indiana; held Land Office; was Superintendent of Public Instruction in Arkansas; member of Thirty-fifth General Assembly. Farmer; married.

JOHN T. AVERILL (Democrat), of Gayosa, Pemiscot county. Born in Pemiscot county, Mo.; educated in common schools and State Normal; has been County Assessor, Sheriff, Collector. Farmer; married.

## ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK.

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THE accompanying cut is a likeness of the genial and popular Assistant Chief Clerk, R. Pet Thompson. He resides at Cassville, Barry county, Mo., but was born in Monroe county forty-five years ago. He passed his boyhood days in old Audrain and Randolph counties and was educated in the public schools and afterward completed his course in Mt. Pleasant College at Huntsville, Mo. By profession he is a newspaper publisher and is in every sense of the word a typical Missouri editor.

His wife, who was Virginia A. Stone of St. Louis, died at Cassville, Mo., December 19, 1896, leaving him four children to comfort her loss; they are Albert, aged twenty-one; Inez, aged eighteen; Lucile, fourteen; and Elaine, twelve. He was Official Reporter of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, Assistant Grain Inspector of St. Louis in 1889-'90, and was Chief Grain Inspector of Nebraska in 1891-2, and was unanimously elected as Assistant Chief Clerk to this the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

Mr. Thompson is very popular among the House members irrespective of party; he is genial in manner and is always ready to make a self-sacrifice in order to please some one else. He is a perfect little gentleman and if a prize were awarded to the most popular officer in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly it would undoubtedly and deservedly fall to "Pet" Thompson.

*OFFICIAL REPORTER OF THE HOUSE.*

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CHAS. L. JOHNSON, who was unanimously elected Official Reporter of the House of Representatives, was born August 2, 1866, in Warrensburg, Johnson county, Mo., where he now resides. Was educated in the public schools and State Normal at that place; is a Democrat and formerly held the position of Chief Journal Clerk on the Chief Clerk's force. Was married February 7, 1894, to Miss Jessie Evans, of Butler, Mo. Mr. Johnson is a pleasant and genial fellow that can well claim every member on the floor of the House as his friend. As official reporter he discharged his duties most efficiently and faithfully.



## DOOR-KEEPER OF THE HOUSE.

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THE accompanying cut is a likeness of Wm. Malone, the big souled, big hearted Door-keeper of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly; was born in Ohio the state of John Sherman and Mark Hanna, in 1866 and came to Missouri with his parents in 1870. He was educated in the public schools of this State and the Warrensburg Normal; graduated from Spaulding's Commercial college in 1885. After completing his education he taught for a number of years, always commanding the highest salaries. In 1893 he became city editor of the Journal Democrat, of Warrensburg, and soon after became the proprietor of the Johnson County Union. His management of the latter was so popular that it was made the official organ of the Sixth Congressional District by the People's Party Congressional Committee. Afterward he sold the Union to J. B. McDonald and became editor and business manager of the Southwest News, Greenfield, Mo., which is at present the official organ of Dade county. Mr. Malone is a man peculiarly fitted for newspaper work; he believes in political reform and accompanies his belief by hard and unrelenting work. It is through his untiring efforts that a Democratic-

Populistic Representative sits in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly from Dade county. His county, although an iron clad Republican stronghold for thirty years, yielded to the power of Democracy in the last election and no man deserves more credit for it than the big Populist who was the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives. Mr. Malone is a man of liberal views on all questions, but is an ardent believer in the theory of Bimetallism. As a mixer and a handshaker there are few men in the State who surpass him. Big, broad-shouldered in stature, with a jovial countenance and a kind and cheering word for everybody; he is admired and respected by all who know him. With his honesty, unquestioned ability and liberality of views, Malone is a man upon whom the political goddess of Missouri is yet destined to bestow her laurel wreaths of success.



## WILLIAM M. PROTTSMAN.

THE calendar history of all men is very simple. But upon this plain outline all men work out the chief end of their existence—human character. Reputation may be as evanescent as the shifting scenes of a dream, but character is the man forever and ever.

There is really but little interest in the duties and official titles of men, but the deeds achieved, the virtues matured, and the character developed, are the chief points of observation.

Licensed to preach under the Discipline of the Methodist Church in 1842, he traveled as an itinerant preacher of that Church in the States of Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and California.

Mr. Prottzman served the State as Chaplain of the Senate and the House several times and was Secretary of the Senate one session, and also Secretary of the State Board of Equalization, which was then the Senate. Through his efforts the Chapel at the Penitentiary was erected. His character as a member of the annual Conference of the Church is thus described by one of his cotemporaries: "Prominent among the older members is Dr. Prottzman. His humor is irrepressible, but so oiled with the grace of kindness that the shaft pierces without hurting his victim. He is game to the core, fights in the last ditch for his measure, votes vigorously in a minority of one, then joins heartily in the laugh that closes his defeat. Woe to the man who exposed the joint in his armor to the keen eye of this veteran archer; he let his arrow fly without missing its mark. If he had taken to politics, he would have been what they call out West a 'hun mer.'"

The House adopted the following resolution: "Whereas, To day, the nineteenth day of February, 1897, is the eightieth birthday of our beloved and respected Chaplain, Rev. Wm. M. Prottzman; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the congratulations of this House is hereby extended to him, with the hope that he may be spared for many more years of usefulness and labor in the divine cause of the Master."

*OFFICIAL FOLDER.*

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**W** H. H. BROWN, the Official Folder of the House, is a resident of Jackson county, and is a farmer. He was born in Johnson county, Mo., November 17, 1840, and educated in the common schools. He is a Free Silver Democrat of the most pronounced type. Served as door-keeper of the House in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Missouri. Mr. Brown married Miss Emma R. Cleveland, of Johnson county, Mo., and from this union have been reared nine children—five sons and four daughters.

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There is really but little interest in the duties and official titles of men, but the deeds achieved, the virtues matured, and the character developed, are the chief points of observation.

Licensed to preach under the Discipline of the Methodist Church in 1842, he traveled as an itinerant preacher of that Church in the States of Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and California.

Mr. Prottzman served the State as Chaplain of the Senate and the House several times and was Secretary of the Senate one session, and also Secretary of the State Board of Equalization, which was then the Senate. Through his efforts the Chapel at the Penitentiary was erected. His character as a member of the annual Conference of the Church is thus described by one of his cotemporaries:

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The House adopted the following resolution:

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Mr. Trimble was always faithful and efficient in the discharge of his official duties. He has a host of friends in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.





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EVERY member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly is well acquainted with Mr. E. S. Bement, the Library Clerk on the Doorkeeper's force. No employe of the House was more ready to accommodate the members than "Bert" as he was familiarly called. His courteous manners and willingness to perform his duties made him a favorite. He was born in Chillicothe, Mo., in 1871, and moved with his parents to Howell county in 1882. After assisting his father in the grocery business in West Plains a few years he began to learn a trade more congenial to his taste, that of a printer. Was local editor of the paper upon which he learned his trade; held a lucrative and pleasant position at the World's Fair, '93, and Atlanta Exposition in '95. He is a Democrat in politics and took an active part in the campaign in Howell county last fall and had the satisfaction of seeing his county redeemed from the thralldom of Republicanism. Mr. Bement now lives with his mother and sister at West Plains, Mo., his father having died four years ago.

Group of Seven Members of the Chief Clerk's Force.



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*Brief Biographical Sketch of Members of Group on Opposite Page.*

WALTER W. BERRYMAN, whose portrait appears in the group on the opposite page (right of upper row), was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, in May, 1866, where he lived until ten years of age, when he moved with his parents to Missouri. His position in the House was that of Printing Clerk, and he discharged the duties of that responsible place to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. His occupation is that of book-keeper, and was for a number of years with the banking house of J. S. Fleming, Jefferson City. Single.

FRANK W. HAGERMAN (Democrat), whose portrait is second in lower row of group on opposite page, is a member of the Chief Clerk's force, and was born in Easton, Pa., forty-three ago; reared in Randolph county, Ind., and educated at Winchester, Ind. His occupation is that of a broker and commission man, but he has devoted about fourteen years of his life to teaching school—commenced teaching at the age of seventeen. He married Miss Ida M. Cox, of Hamilton county, Ind., and has a family of three bright children: Ernest, age 14; Leoline, age 10, and Louise, age 5. He is a resident of Springfield, Greene county.

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MISS MARY LEE, of Jefferson City, whose portrait appears in the group on the opposite page, was born in Keytesville, Mo.; was educated in the public schools of Keytesville and Jefferson City. Her position in the House was that of stenographer on the Chief Clerk's force.

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NAME AND POSITION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.	NAME AND POSITION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.
Abbott, Dade, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Foster, Grover, page.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Allen, W. H., bill clerk.....	Clinton, Henry.	Franklin, P. J., retrench, reform.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Allen, Perry, page.....	Clinton, Henry.	Friemel, David, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Ballard, Louis B., corp., etc.....	Montrose, Henry.	Gordon, W. B., engros. clerk.....	Kenett, Dunklin.
Bargess, James, eleemosynary.....	Caledonia, Washington.	Garver, H. H., night custodian.....	Grant City, Worth.
Barrows, W. J., smooth journal.....	Waynesville, Pulaski.	George, Claude, cloak room.....	Platte City, Platte.
Barren, Wallace, page.....	Herenlanenm, Jefferson.	Gill, Chas., attendant.....	3105 Olive St., St. Louis.
Beasley, Minerva, jurisprudence.....	Mineral Springs, Howell.	Given, Rev. J. C., Chaplain.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Bogie, R. S., chf. engros. clk.....	Richmond, Ray.	Gooding, C. J., rough journal.....	5621 Wabash Ave., St. Louis.
Bowers, J. A., insurance.....	Sedalia, Pettis.	Green, A. P., printing.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Brown, Robert H., postmaster.....	Harrisonville, Cass.	Halligan, J. C., com. engros bill's.....	Union, Franklin.
Burns, J. M., enroll. clerk.....	Grain Valley, Jackson.	Hamilton, Miss Jene, education.....	Richmond, Ray.
Carr, Silas, stationary.....	Jonesburg, Montgomery.	Hersley, W. L., eng. corps.....	Bonne Terre, St. Francois.
Carter, T. S., chf. rough journal.....	Sturgeon, Boone.	Hiatt, Wm., enroll. bills.....	Cabol, Texas.
Cases, Miss Kate, stenographer.....	6131 Victoria Place, St. Louis.	Hill, W. K., attendant.....	Warrenton, Warren.
Chandler, J. H., engross. clerk.....	Kansas City, Jackson.	Howell, Frank, copy clerk.....	Troy, Lincoln.
Chapman, A. K., smooth journal.....	Denver, Worth.	Hudson, S. P., stenographer.....	Sturgeon, Boone.
Clamath, Wm., janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Hughes, G. W., justices of peace.....	Springfield, Greene.
Clippard, Wm., attendant.....	Marble Hill, Bollinger.	Johnson, Harold, minority clk.....	816½ Chestnut St. Louis.
Connor, J. B., typewriter.....	2638 Gamble St., St. Louis.	Judge, Jos. W. enroll. clerk.....	1018 Hamilton Ave. St. Louis
Davison, Geo., engros. clerk.....	Blue Ridge, Harrison.	Kinsey, Austin, typewriter.....	Carrollton, Carroll.
Dawson, Geo. S., rough journal.....	Grant City, Worth.	Kitch, Elijah, folder.....	Poplar Bluffs, Butler.
Day, Geo., lighter.....	Ashland, Boone.	Knox, W. P., bill file clerk.....	Caledonia, Washington.
Deatharage, G. W. cities 35,000.....	Kansas City, Jackson.	Lancaster, A. A., library clerk.....	1130 Compton Ave., St. Louis
DePriest, L. H., engros. clerk.....	Eminence, Shannon.	Leftwich, John M., accounts.....	Benton, Scott.
Dickson, Thos., smooth journal.....	Ellington, Reynolds,	LaPage, Prosser, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Dimmett, E. E., printing.....	Butler, Bates.	Mabry, Walter, assistant sec'y.....	Wellsville, Montgomery.
Disney, Ed., penitentiary.....	Liberty, Clay.	Major, S. R. doorkeeper.....	Bowling Green, Pike.
Dooley, Clark, rough journal.....	Houston, Texas.	Major, James J., enroll. clerk.....	Paris, Monroe.
Dunklin, John P., engros. clerk.....	Coffman, St. Genevieve.	Mann, Miss S. R., stenog.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Dupee, Geo. (col.), attendant.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Marvin, E. R., official reporter.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Edwards, J. H., docket clerk.....	St. Charles, St. Charles.	Mason, Miss Alice, const. amend.....	Mexico, Audrain.
Ellis, E. P., smooth journal.....	Commerce, Scott.	Mayhall, Ed., snpt. heat, etc.....	Bowling Green, Pike.
Finks, J. H., chf. enroll. clk.....	Salisbury, Chariton.	McCutcheon, W. L., towns organ.....	Pleasant Hill, Cass.
Fisher, Wm., janitor,.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	McIntyre, J. C., enroll. clerk.....	Fulton, Callaway.



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Mochler, Geo., elections.....	St. Louis City.	Thompson, D. F., engr. clerk.....	Tusculum, Miller.
Moore, Thos., page.....	Bowling Green, Pike.	Thompson, James, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Niemeyer, John, night engineer.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Tilden, C. B., sergeant-at-arms.....	Sulphur Springs, Jefferson.
Peers, E. Porter, judiciary.....	Warrenton, Warren.	Towles, H. M., eng. clerk.....	Doniphan, Ripley.
Priest, Chas. P., rough journal.....	Jackson, Cape Girardeau.	Tomlinson, Jouett, labor.....	Mexico, Audrain.
Ray, R. D., smooth journal.....	Carrollton, Carroll.	Towne, Edward, page.....	Liberty, Clay.
Rerder, Harry, enr. clerk.....	Lexington, Lafayette.	Townsend, W. L., minute clerk.....	Hillsboro, Jefferson.
Rhodes, John, janitor.....	Cedar City, Callaway.	Tutt, Will, enr. clerk.....	Borland, Lafayette.
Rice, Bohert, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Umbles, Peter, (col) attendant.....	Pilot Grove, Cooper.
Rinn, Frank, janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Valle, Louis, (col) janitor.....	Allentown, St. Louis.
Roach, Cornelius sec'y senate.....	Carthage, Jasper.	Vickars, J. H., bill file clerk.....	Montrose, Henry.
Robinson, John, eng. clerk.....	Chamais, Osage.	Waggner, J. H., agriculture.....	Festus, Madison.
Rothgeb, D. L., eng. clerk.....	New Lebanon, Cooper.	Walsh, A. F., clerk on absentees.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Rothwell, Rolla, eng. clerk.....	Moberly, Randolph.	Weaver, John N., day custodian.....	New London, Ralls.
Samuel, R. L., enr. clerk.....	Kansas City, Jackson.	Wells, D., janitor.....	Bowling Green, Pike.
Sanderson, R. J., smooth journal.....	Louisiana, Pike.	Wells, J. T., assistant sergt. arms.....	Kennett, Dunklin.
Selzer, Fritz, appropriations.....	Hunnewell, Shelby.	White, Malon, enroll. clerk.....	Warsaw, Benton.
Slater, R. S., enr. clerk.....	Kansas City, Jackson.	Wilson, E. L., railroads.....	Denver, Worth.
Soper, Lee, docket clerk.....	Liberty, Clay.	Williams, Robert, enroll clerk.....	Louisiana, Pike.
Sparks, J. W., eng. clerk.....	Marshall Saline.	Womack, R., chf. smooth journal.....	Hannibal, Marion.
Spencer, Park K., janitor.....	Louisiana, Pike.	Woodside, H., copy clerk.....	Thomasville, Oregon.
Stanton, Eugene, page.....	Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Gen'v.	Woods, C. R., smooth journal.....	Neosho, Newton.
Steele, W. C., janitor.....	Rolla, Phelps.	Yeates, Dr. S. N., library clerk.....	Sturgeon, Boone.
Stevenson, H. C., minority clerk.....	California, Moniteau.	Young, C. A., criminal cost.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
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Arnett, R. C., Eng. clerk.....	Fredericktown, Madison.	Farris, Fred L., eng. clerk.....	Lebanon, Laclede.
Avery, W. E., rough journal.....	St. Louis City, 3103 Olive St.	Fitch, Chas. J., messenger clerk.....	Lebanon, Laclede.
Aycock, W. J., enrolling clerk.....	Lebanon, Laclede,	Ford, Smth M., docket clerk.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Bailey, Al, janitor.....	Troy, Lincoln.	Forquer, Joseph, rough journal.....	Kansas City, Jackson.
Balthis, F. S., clk. com. bnks. & bnkg	Huntsville, Randolph.	Gehrs, George M., rough journal.....	Pymont, Morgan.
Barr, S. E., rough journal.....	Vienna, Maries.	George, A. F., rough journal.....	Stoutland, Camden.
Bemont, Bert, library clerk.....	West Plains, Howell.	Gill, Burt V., smooth journal.....	Chillicothe, Livingston.
Berryman, W. W., printing clerk.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Green, Charles W., chief clerk.....	Brookfield, Lynn.
Bourn, B. J., clk. com. crim. costs.....	Memphis, Scotland.	Hagerman, F. W., minute clerk.....	Springfield, Green.
Bradbury, F. W., postmaster.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Haley, Edwin, speaker's page.....	Steelville, Crawford.
Brown, Forest, ass't postmaster.....	Raytown, Jackson.	Hall, John, speaker's page.....	Marshall, Saline.
Brown, H. L, janitor.....	Hinton, Boone.	Hamilton, D., (Miss) eng. clerk.....	Warrensburg, Johnson.
Brown, W. H. H., folder.....	Raytown, Jackson.	Hiet, E. W., rough journal.....	New Lebanon, Cooper.
Buck, C. clk. com. ways & means.....	Bloomfield, Stoddard.	Hough, Ed. clk. com. elections.....	Sedalia, Pettis.
Burk, A. J., smooth journal.....	Newtonia, Newton.	Housley, Oscar L., eng. clerk.....	Appleton City, St. Clair.
Carey, Joe M., page.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Hughes, R. E., resolution clerk.....	Pleasant Hill, Cass.
Church, Chas. R., eng. clerk.....	Stockton, Cedar.	Hunter, Geo. W., eng. clerk.....	Albany, Gentry.
Clarke, Jas. M., eng. clerk.....	Dunnigan, Polk.	Inglish, D., clk. com. crim.....	Lamar, Barton.
Colburn, J. P., enr. clerk.....	Kansas City, Jackson.	James, Bertie, page.....	St. Louis City, 3121 Hlgh St.
Collier, H. E., clk. com. elec'm'y inst	Birch Tree, Shannon.	Johnson, O. T., enr. clerk.....	Westville, Montgomery
Cook, G. B., enr. clerk.....	Marquand, Madison.	Johnston, C. L., official reporter.....	Warrensburg, Johnson.
Crumbaugh, Ed. J., bill clerk.....	Columbia, Boone.	Jones, J. H., printing clerk.....	Mill Springs, Wayne.
Culbertson, W. C. clk. com. agricul.	Liberty, Clay.	Jones, T. H., calendar clerk.....	Kansas City, 928 Grove St.
Cunningham, Ed, smooth journal.....	Carthage, Jasper.	Kaup, W. A., endorsing clerk.....	Brookfield, Linn.
Cupp, Henry C., minute clerk.....	New London, Ralls.	Kellogg, A. D., smooth journal.....	Keytesville, Chariton.
Daugherty, C. F., rough journal.....	Meyers, Howard.	Kenamore, C., clk. com. jnt. ptg.....	Salem, Dent.
Daugherty, J. M., docket clerk.....	Higbee, Howard.	Kribben, A. C., clk. com. accts.....	Jonesburg, Montgomery.
Davault, Alf, page.....	New Florence, Montgomery	Kuhlman, Henry, enr. clerk.....	Louisiana, Pike.
Dickinson, J. J., clk. com. educa't	St. Louis City.	Lee, Miss Mary, stenographer.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Dougherty, G. A., sup. sm'th jour.....	Meadville, Lynn.	Leedy, A., clk. com. eng. bills.....	Montevall, Vernon.
Durham, L. E., smooth journal.....	Elston, Cole.	Leftwich, G. A., chief enr. clk.....	Richmond, Ray.
Duvall, J. A., rough journal.....	Richmond, Ray.	Locker, W. H., ck. com. rds & hg'ys	Waynesville, Pulaski.
Edmonston, W. C., enr. clerk.....	Clinton, Henry.	Loftus, J. Pat, rough journal.....	St. Louis City.
Ellis, Hosea, janitor.....	Appleton City, St. Clair.	Lovell, E. Frank, eng. clerk.....	Prairie Home, Cooper.
Evans, Chas., smooth journal.....	Pineville, McDonald.	Malone, Wm. M., doorkeeper.....	Greenfield, Dade.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE—Continued.

NAME AND POSITION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.	NAME AND POSITION.	POSTOFFICE AND COUNTY.
Mauphin, P., janitor.....	Denver, Worth.	Shortridge, C. A., ck. off. fees & sal.	Macon City, Macon.
Marquis, I. L., messenger.....	Walker, Vernon.	Simcoo, Miss Carrie, smooth jour.	Fulton, Callaway.
Mashburn, Marvin, janitor.....	Humansville, Polk.	Smedley, Thos. A., endr. clk.	Marcelline, Linn.
Miller, Frank P., clk. com. ins.	Springfield, Green.	Smith, Miss Maud C., stenographer.	St. Louis Cy, 2814½ Lucas Av
Moore, Jodie, janitor.....	Linkville, Platte.	Smith, Al. (col) janitor.....	Sedalia, Pettis.
Morris, Jesse O., janitor.....	Westboro, Atchison.	Sterritt, J. B., rough journal.....	Saline.
Moss, M. H., clk. int. imp'ts.....	Van Buren, Carter.	Stewart, Thos., page.....	St. Joseph, Buchanan.
McBride, U. A., enrolling clerk.....	Warrensburg, Johnson.	Stewart, T. J., clk. com. pri. cor.	Doniphan, Ripley.
McClanahan, R. H., stationery clk.	Milan, Sullivan.	Sullenger, Chas. E., messenger.....	Willow Springs, Howell.
McClelland, T. J., enr. clerk.....	Liberty, Clay.	Summers, A. J., sergeant at arms.	Ava, Douglass.
McMahon, Russell, page.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Summers, J. C., asst. ser. at arms.	Springfield, Greene.
McCrae, Charles, page.....	Rolla, Phelps.	Tall, Joseph L., eng. clerk.....	Kahoka, Clarke.
Nelson, I. E., clk. judicial com.	New Home, Lincoln.	Taylor, J. M., printing clerk.....	Woodlandville, Boone.
Newman, M. C., rough journal.....	Huntsville, Randolph.	Terrill, J. W., clk. com. ptg.	Grovedale, Maries.
Newton, E. clk. com. mun. cor.	Springfield, Green.	Thompson, R. P., asst. chief clk.	Cassville, Barry.
Nicholson, Miss Cora, enr. clk.	St. Joseph, Buchanan.	Thompson, C., sup. veat'l'n.....	Warrensburg, Johnson.
O'Dell, Miss Essie L., clk. com. lab.	Leeper, Wayne.	Thurber, George, water carrier.....	Warrensburg, Johnson.
Organ, J. B., clk. jnt. com. on ptg.	Salem, Dent.	Tidrick, Otto B., janitor.....	Bloomfield, Stoddard.
Orear, Loen, page.....	Marshall, Saline.	Towles, T. O., clk. com. appro.	Jefferson City, Cole.
Phillips, R. S., clk. spl. com. elec.	Conway, Laclede.	Trimble, John, asst. door keeper.....	Butler, Bates.
Pollard, W. Jeff., reading clerk.....	St. Louis City.	Turner, James A., enrolling clerk.....	Carrollton, Carroll.
Prottsman, W. M., chaplain.....	Jefferson City, Cole.	Vandiveer, Lola M., enr. clerk.....	Montevallo, Vernon.
Quinn, Edmund, clk. com. claims.	Carthage, Jasper.	Vandiveer, Winston, janitor.....	Montevallo, Vernon.
Rebo, John, night watchman.....	Kahoka, Clarke.	Walters, Frank, day watchman.....	Lamar, Barton.
Reed, F. W., janitor.....	Reeds, Jasper.	Warden, H. P., docket clerk.....	Mexico, Audrain.
Reynolds, Joe B., minute clerk.....	Popular Bluff, Butler.	Warren, Miss Inez, eng. clerk.....	El Dorado Springs, Cedar.
Riley, W. S., enr. clerk.....	Levick's Mill, Randolph.	Warren, R. H., chief eng. clerk.....	El Dorado Springs, Cedar.
Robertson, R. H., resolution clk.	Plattsburg, Clinton.	Warren, W. B., eng. clerk.....	Coelleda, Camden.
Rogers, Phil, rough journal.....	St. Joseph, Buchanan.	Weant, Emanuel, Janitor.....	Jefferson City, Cole.
Roland, W. L., janitor.....	Marshall, Saline.	Williams, H. Martin, reading clerk.....	St. Louis Cy, 912 N. Garrison
Ross, Henry, enr. clerk.....	Marshall, Saline.	Wilson, J. A., enrolling clerk.....	Carthage, Jasper.
Roy, Sidney J., docket clerk.....	Hannibal, Marion.	Wolf, L. Paris, janitor.....	California, Moniteau.
Sapp, James H., enrolling clerk.....	Joplin, Jasper.	Young, F., clk. com. university.....	Deer Park, Boone.
Springer, Wm. B., mes. ser. at arms.	Nelson, Saline.	Young, Miss Katheryn, smooth jour.	St. Joseph, Buchanan.
See, Clifton, night watchman.....	Butler, Bates.	Young, T. C., clk. com. cler. force.	Lexington, Lafayette.
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